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This year's convocation was all about "Spartan pride"

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President Wolk speaks about campus clean up.

By: Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Despite the challenges posed to the CSC community from Hurricane Irene, President Wolk's annual Convocation address was still one of hope and of praise.

The overall message he kept coming back to was "Spartan Pride".

"We began the new semester with unexpected challenges, which we are surmounting.

But we've have also seen great examples of Spartan Pride," said Wolk.

He went on to reveal pictures of not only the flooding that took place on Sunday afternoon, but images of the morning after.

These images, however, were not all of sheer destruction, but also hopeful images of students, faculty and staff banding together in an effort to salvage the remnants of the football locker room and offices located in the lower regions of the Athletic Complex.

Wolk put particular emphasis on those involved who were not part of the Athletic Department.

"People like Psychology Professor Terry Bergen, music major and student teacher Sam Funk, former Castleton athletic trainer Sue Jean and local teacher Adrienne Weld, who is a proud Castleton alum and a very inspiring woman in her own right, all spent the entire day working tirelessly and diligently. They just showed up and helped. There were many more of

these selfless citizens, and these volunteer efforts serve as a model for all of us," he said.

Wolk also stressed the efforts of Public Safety

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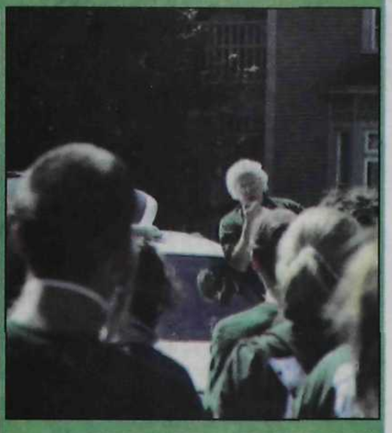
Castleton Student Stephanie Paproski throws debris into dumpster during the clean-up effort.



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President Dave Wolk addresses students before the clean up in Rutland begins.

Castleton helps with Rutland relief

by: Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Sneakers and clothes were ruined, blisters had formed and everyone was exhausted, but the faces on about 300 mud-covered Castleton students, faculty and staff were still smiling. Groups of 10 workers spent majority of their afternoon shoveling muck and silt out of Rutland homes and filling dumpsters of damaged possessions left by hurricane Irene. Even two weeks after the hurricane, the devastation in Rutland remained.

"It felt so good when we helped an 80-year-old woman with her basement," said Castleton student Jenn Weisenburger with her jeans almost completely brown from mud. "Her son was trying to save up to get someone to help her and he was just shocked when we did it for free," Weisenburger said.

Michael Caulin, a Rutland resident and 1978 Castleton State graduate, had about 50 feet of his backyard wash away by the river while the bridge from the sixth hole at the Rutland Country Club floated into what is left his yard.

"I'm proud to see them (Castleton) helping the community," Caulin said while looking at a group shoveling silt away from his house. Caulin's neighbor, Robin Alberti, was without power for six days and her yard was covered in deep silt. She had been shoveling for a week and a half and thought it was wonderful that Castleton came to help her sh wel out the rest. It took her three hours just to dig a path to get to her car and she spoke of using candles and flashlights for days after the storm to see at night.

"My son went to his first day of school and told everyone that we were camping out in our house," Alberti said with a chuckle.

Michael Barrett of the Rutland Fire Department, said it was very somber going earlier in the day at the funeral for city water plant manager Michael Garofano. But he said seeing the turnout and the wave of Spartan green lightened his mood.

"Castleton is here for Rutland it doesn't get any better than that," said Barrett.

President Dave Wolk explained that Castleton has a close connection with Rutland with Spartan Arena and countless students doing internships there. Wolk said he is inspired to see the leadership roles students are taking – even when no one is looking.

"It's amazing on a Friday to get so many people to come," said Wolk with a smile on his face, even after just shoveling sewage from a basement.

There were so many volunteers that they actually got ahead of Caulin's trucks during the clean process. Several times during the clean-up, cars would stop and those inside would thank the group of students.

When the work ended, the volunteers were treated to a spaghetti dinner – before they all went home to shower.

"This makes me proud to be the president of this college," a weary Wolk said at day's end.

Technology woes plague campus

By Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, Vermont State College network went down causing much stress among students and faculty.

The outage occurred because the main network for all of the schools is located in Waterbury at Stanley Hall, according to Castleton Chief Technology Officer Gayle Malinowski.

"The data center, where all the equipment was located was on the second floor, so it was fine. However all the power was located on the basement and first floor, so when the power died everything else came down."

Without the network working, students could not access the Internet, portal, Moodle or check their student e-mail accounts. All have since been turned back on, but not without a chaotic first week.

Without any way to check the portal, many students spent the first day of the school semester searching for classes.

"I was not able to get on [the network] and get my class schedule, so I had to look it up by hand. I was not able to get any of my assignments on Moodle. It was very inconvenient for me," said Castleton Student Zachary Draper.

Student Alex Thomas agreed, saying figuring out where to go and at what time "was increasingly difficult."

As a result, students flooded the Student Services office looking for help, according to the office's Administrative Assistant Tina Betit.

Betit approximates that close to "80 percent" of students went into Student Services to check their schedule and classrooms during the first week.

"That is probably not even counting students who could not make it to school… we also got a lot of phone calls," she said.

Internet service was back on Monday evening and as the week went on one of the major problem was the inability for students to check their e-mail account.

"One of the conversations we will be having after all the mess is cleaned up is trying to figure out some way to implement some redundant systems to make sure that problem does not happen again," Malinowski said.

Students were not the only ones on campus affected by the network outage though. It was also frustrating to faculty members who just wanted to help students or teach their courses.

One of the major problems of the network outage was that not only were students unable to find ways to get their course lists, but the faculty were largely unable to help.

"It's unfortunate, because you felt like you could not help students or help faculty," said Castleton Registar Lori Arner.

"I do not know how I would run class" said Castleton communication Professor Andrew Wilson, who teaches Introduction To Computer Arts and Humanity, about the outage if it continued .

One thing that should not be overlooked during these times though is how students and faculty can over

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What is it?

PHOTO BY MARIAH PHILLIPS/CASTLETON SPARTAN

One of many sculptures on display in the FAC by artist Rachi Farrow.

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Remembering 9-11 a decade later

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

When the planes struck the towers on Sept. 11 a decade ago, it was an advent of change so shocking, so unbelievable, so inconceivable, that any perception of the world we may have imagined turned to dust and ash.

9/11 hit us at our most vulnerable and took what we had held most for granted: our power, our pride, our imagined safety. It forced us to think about who we were and how we were viewed throughout the world.

We had to suddenly define ourselves in that moment of crisis. Our resilience to trials and adversity, our brotherly love to our neighbors in moments of darkness, our unyielding, undying faith and patriotism in ourselves suddenly went out to all those affected and in need. The spirit to act and to help has resonated in the spirit of men and women of our nation. For on that day, all men, women and children living had something emerge from deep within that has since taken form and defined our existence.

We are like the Survivor Tree. A callery pear tree that had stood beneath the Towers. It had been crushed and charred when removed from the wreckage and moved to the Bronx to regain its stature. Once healthy it was replanted within the World Trade Center site and even after Hurricane Irene threw winds over 60 mph up the east coast it still stands.

Ground Zero has since transformed from that rubble in our minds to industry. 1 World Trade Center, "Freedom Tower," now stands with steel girders pointing upwards 80 stories tall. It will rise to 104 stories, 1,368 feet. Its spire will reach 1,776 feet. Two pools of water marking the footprints of the original towers will be filled with 52,000 gallons of water, their edges inscribed with the 2,982 names of victims stencil-cut into bronze. 1 World Trade Center is schedule to be completed by 2013. On Monday, the World Trade Center memorial in New York City opened to the public.

Two hundred and thirty five years is young for a country and we could not have believed our future if told. In one moment we were violently thrust into a new age and the shockwaves are still seen.

That day is not so easily forgotten.

That morning, crisp and blue, could not have been more surreal for the moments that came and passed. But other images more beautiful and profound honor us: a lone figure gazing through the smoke, strangers held by tears, a row of flags. They speak in volumes and personify the voiceless many and the people of New York and the people of our nation who have since honored and served our borders and who have sacrificed themselves to see that we are safe, that we are, forevermore, the land of the free and home of the brave.

And so we shall be and not ever forget.

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Policy fuels the rumor mill

By Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Certain events on campus draw the attention of the student body, but very few actually hold that attention for long. One such event happened a little over a week ago, and the rumor mill is still hot about it. In essence, there was a fight; that's all. Why do students care so much? Why the veil of secrecy when it comes to information that can be released? Are the two related?

When events like this happen, the main source of knowledge would be the community advisers on campus. However, they are both legally and morally bound by confidentiality policies, which make them unable to give information on the event. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects everyone in post-secondary school over the age of 18, and allows students to control the disclosure of "personally identifiable information from the records." This is essentially the basis of the confidentiality policy that the CA's operate in accordance with.

However, students on campus clearly want to know the nitty-gritty. Everyone is engaged in a big game of "I heard this, a friend of a friend heard that, he said/she said he saw this." Students want to know something about any dramatic event that happens on campus, and they aren't being given the slightest on the fight. This is in order to protect the rights of the students involved, which I outlined above.

The confidentiality policy is designed with students' best interest in mind, there's no doubt about that. No student's identity can be unwillingly given out by administration personnel unless it is deemed to be in the interest of greater campus safety. In theory, this is also designed to be a wrench in the gears of the rumor mill; keep information at a minimum and there won't be any rumors to start.

Like many things, a great idea on paper is very difficult to execute given human nature. Since the time of the fight, many variations of the story have floated around, and it seems none of them are accurate. Students continue adding to their stories with other students' stories, almost to satisfy the need for more information.

We here at The Spartan respect the confidentiality policy and understand exactly its purpose. What we don't understand, however, is the limiting of information. In an effort to halt the rumor mill by not giving names or information about an event, the execution of the policy actually fuels the fire in a way that would not happen if identities were the only things kept secret. In this case, it seems a lot of rumors could have been avoided if a direct statement (omitting names) had been made addressing exactly what happened that night.

People have a way of being most interested in what is least available to them.

Sounding Off

Reflections on recent events

Quote from Jeh Kulu Drum and Dance Theater, August 27, 2011

"The group showed community by involving the audience, working together and showing their passion for what they do and love. They laughed, smiled and danced around- which brought everyone together.

"We show community through our dancing and music because we can relate it to everyone and through our dancing we can show the community who we are as an individual. Dance and music brings everyone together, which builds community." -Sarah Schroeder

Quote from Jeh Kulu Drum and Dance Theater, August 27, 2011

"Tonight's music and dance showed community through the connection evident in the group. The group brought community home to us by including the crowd in the call and response and dancing. Their culture and community brought us together through participation.

"At Castleton, people form groups and community by musical taste, and by learning and performing music together. Music and dance are a strong binding force for communities." -Winter Thayer

Quote from Jeh Kulu Drum and Dance Theater, August 27, 2011

"The music and dance shows community because it is a sense of communication between the performers and the audience. They use this communication to celebrate occasions in their homeland.

"My music shows a sense of community in Castleton because I participate in the marching band. Our ensemble is a family and we work together to create amazing performances for our community." - Victoria Stone

Upcoming Events:

Castleton Theater Arts presents: Picasso at the Lapin Agile

Written by Steve Martin and directed by Harry McEnerny.

Thursday, September 22- Sunday, September 25

Thursday- Saturday, evening performance, 8 p.m. Sunday matinee performance, 2 p.m. - in the Casella Theater. Ticket required for performance.

The play features the characters of Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso, who meet at a bar, the Lapin Agile in Paris in 1904. Both men are on the verge of an amazing idea, and they have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent while interacting with a host of other characters.

Thursday, September 29
12:30 in the Casella Theater
Workshop with Sones de Mexico
No ticket required.

Join members of the Sones de Mexico Ensemble Chicago as they give a musical tour of Mexico's regional folk music instruments and styles. They will speak about what to listen for in the major regional styles, give live demonstrations and provide an informative introduction to the Ensemble's evening concert.

Thursday, September 29
7pm in the Casella Theater
Sones de Mexico performance
Ticket required.

Taking you on a tour of Mexico, Grammy nominated and award winning Sones de Mexico Ensemble Chicago will perform two sets of some of their most cherished music, including original work that has experimented cross-culturally with symphonic, Irish, folk, jazz, and rock music, infused with the roots of Mexican son. Son is a fusion of Spanish, African and indigenous Mexican rhythms and instrumentation. Music that is sure to warm the spirit!

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Not your average Hawaiian love story

By Zach Kulpa
Castleton Spartan

It had been a long and sluggish week, but Saturday evening had finally arrived.

Thinking back, it was Jan. 16 2003 that I first bumped into her — literally. Attending the first University of Hawaii football game of the season was a major deal for locals, but after a hearty four hours of tailgating, I was more excited for the roasted corn-on-the-cob waiting on the concourse level inside. Hawaiians are notorious for making unusual sounds with a conch shell or cooking a pig at luau, but they truly roast some mean corn.

After making it through the gates, I ran as fast as my flip-flops would allow and still ended up 12th on line for the Cob Shack. Nearly 20 minutes passed before I finally had a husk clenched in each fist. Spinning away from the butter, salt and seasoning station, my focus intent on devouring perfect bites, and smack!

I had collided head-on with someone carrying a tray full of Longboard Ales.

The impact projected my arm straight up, forcing the corn to slap against my sunglasses — coating the lenses in butter. I ripped the shades from my face and wiped ice-cold beer off my cheeks in utter disgust. After opening my mouth to apologize, I realized the enormity of the situation.

Standing before me was the most stunning woman I had ever encountered during my time in Honolulu. She was attempting to dab spilled beer from the Colt Brennan jersey barely covering her dark, smooth Hawaiian skin. As I stumbled for something to say, her flowing brown hair and shiny lips flickered in the sun, which made things worse.

"Holy jeez, I'm so sorry," I groaned through pepper-spackled teeth. "I turned around so fast that ..."

"No, no, don't apologize. It was completely my fault," she cut me off. "The beers, I was too focused on balancing the beers, and never looked up."

Feverishly cleaning my glasses, I stammered, "Well, uhm, ... here, how about I buy you some, some replacements?

"What about your corn?" Both ears sat worthless on the concrete.

"Oh, don't worry about it."

"Please, I'll get you another corn and then maybe ... we can split a pitcher?" she asked with inviting eyes.

I looked around; trying not to appear too thrilled, "Yea, yes, yes, definitely."

Easy as that.

We spent the next hour exchanging banter in the concourse bar before setting up a proper date for tonight. And here I am, walking to the door for the second encounter with Noel, in something that would only happen in the movies.

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In one fluid motion, I skipped up the steps and tapped the doorbell. Two minutes later, someone other than Noel opened the door, so I retreated the flowers behind my legs.

"Hello, I'm here to pick up Noel," I announced, but quickly realized that something was wrong. This person - maybe Noel's roommate - seemed out of sorts. She just stared at me, as suddenly, her already red-tinted eyes began to well up with tears.

"Ohh, jeez, is everything okay. Am I at the right house? I'm Zach and have a date with Noel." I stepped back quickly and checked the house number again.

"You had a date set up with Noel for tonight? I guess there was no real way for you to know then."

"Yea, tonight, Saturday at 8. We met last weekend. No way I could possibly know what?" I returned.

"There really isn't a real proper way to explain a situation like this." She looked at the ground and struggled to get it out.

"Know what? I'm very confused, this is 87 Palm, right?"

"Noel was in a serious car accident earlier this week... an,.. and she passed away."

"What?" I asked, smiling in utter shock, thinking this was all a big prank. "Look, wait, seriously?"

"Yes," she muttered.

"Look, uhm, I've never really been, or had anything like this happen before, If she just didn't want to go out, you guys didn't have to go through all this trouble. Making up such a big story."

"No, I'm serious, it was all over the papers. It's obviously been a rough week, and like I said, there was no real way for you to know," she said, wiping the tears. "I'm sorry."

"Wow, uhm. Yea, you're right. I'm sorry," I stuttered trying to think and remain polite. "Again, I'm really sorry. Here, have these." I handed her the flowers and stepped back down the stairs.

Walking away, trying to put the pieces together, I couldn't help but think the chances.

PHOTO BY WYATT ALOISIO/CASTLETON SPARTAN

A crane is in place as workers continue building New Hall as part of Project 2012.

Construction ongoing at CSC

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

When Samantha Ralph left Castleton in spring, she had a view from her window that most students would enjoy: tennis courts, a parking lot, and a glimpse of Spartan Stadium.

Upon returning to Wheeler Hall this year, the senior business major has quite a different view. A concrete foundation now lies where the tennis courts once were. Twenty-three tall, grey beams ascend towards the sky. Orange cones are dispersed throughout the area and cranes sit while the men in florescent yellow shirts are not hard at work.

Project 2012 is underway.

The college announced its plans to begin construction early last year for the $13 million project. The proposal includes New Hall, a 162- bed residence hall with a green pavilion attached to it where various campus activities could be held. Also included in the plan was a new Facilities Barn to replace the Physical Plant building.

Crews have been working throughout the summer, but how realistic is the fall 2012 deadline?

Scott Dikeman, Castleton's dean of administration, assures students that the project is right on track.

"At this point we're on time and on budget. New Hall is on track and the facilities barn is coming along nicely," Dikeman said.

Despite finding ledge in the ground where the digging was being done and tropical storm Irene moving through the area, he insists that the hall will be open in June of next year.

"We're right where we're supposed to be," he said.

Some students have differing opinions on the latest project. Senior Marisse Lorenz is more concerned about Huden Dining Hall than more dorm space and a pavilion.

"There's just not enough room for everybody to eat some days," said Lorenz last September.

Despite the new areas forming on campus, Huden is still at the top of some students' list of what they would like to see improved.

But Dikeman isn't the only person on campus who is excited about the advancements of the project. Senior Gabrielle Tamasi noted the benefits the project is bringing to housing.

"People aren't going to *have to live in the Ramada* or triples anymore hopefully. The location is going to be great for watching games. I'm just jealous I won't get to graduate in the pavilion!" she said.

President Dave Wolk discussed the progress at convocation during his State of the College address on Sept. 1. The facilities staff will be moving into their new home later this season and the old Physical Plant will be demolished at the end of the fall sports season, he assured.

So what's next for Project 2012?

"We're right on track. In spring we'll begin work on getting the site ready for the new pavilion," Dikeman said excitedly.

Castleton State College and NEASC Invite Public Comments

Castleton will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit November 6-9, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 240 institutions in the New England region.

Castleton has been accredited by the Commission since 1960 and was last reviewed in 2001. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

For the past two years, Castleton has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution November 6-9 to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to: Public Comment on Castleton State College
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
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E-mail: cihe@neasc.org

Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Public Comments must be received by the last day of evaluation November 9. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.

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Castleton to offer Polling Institute

By Jill Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Richard Clark

Castleton State College wants to be the new voice of Vermont and the place to go for research data.

Richard Clark, a recently hired political science professor, has also been named the director of the new Castleton Polling Institute.

The institute, according to Clark, is a means to generate public opinion.

"It's a chance to expand democracy and get opinion that may not any other way be included," Clark said in a recent interview.

Questions about "the quality of life in Vermont," economics, healthcare, global warming and well being are examples of issues to be surveyed using phone polling on campus, he said.

Polling Institutes are not uncommon and can be found in many other states, but the Castleton Polling institute will be the only one in Vermont, he said.

Castleton's institute will be a teaching/research resource based out of Castleton for the students, community and state of Vermont, Clark said.

The goal of the program is to both generate revenue for the college, but perhaps more importantly to be used as a teaching and research tool for students, Clark said.

"It creates an opportunity for Castleton students to engage in Social Science research, hands on. I want students to get experience analyzing and observing real data," Clark said.

The other goal of the program is the public service research perspective, he said.

"Within Vermont, we want Castleton College to be the place of public Vermont opinion," he said.

Students asked about the new polling institute seem supportive.

"If it's really beneficial for everyone and provides data that creates change in the community that needs to be changed I think it's great," said senior Allie Beckwith after being told of the institute.

So when is the new polling institute going to be in effect and needing helpers? Clark and President Dave Wolk, who has long sought to have a polling arm of Castleton State, are hoping it will be ready by the 2012 primary elections!

"The Polling Institute has been a dream of mine since I came to Castleton. I convened a group of faculty members about 8 years ago, along with some media, political and corporate leaders in Vermont, to explore the idea," Wolk said in an e-mailed response. "No college or university in Vermont has a polling institute, and all the privates are from out of state. My goal from the outset has been to provide a public service through public opinion research, provide internship and paid student work opportunities, enhance the prominence of Castleton on the national map, and provide new learning experiences for students and faculty."

Wok also praised Clark,saying he's "experienced, engaging, smart and savvy."

The new polling institute will also be very involved with the Spartan newspaper. The Spartan plans to give Clark questions in the near future to poll the college community and report on the findings, Clark said.

"I'm extremely honored and humble to get this opportunity. It has high expectations like it should and I'm excited about it," Clark said.

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese & Sandra Old

Question:
How has Hurricane Irene affected you?

Jordan Cottrell

"I can't go home for a while, at least till spring. There's no bridges left in my hometown."

Deb Waggett

"I saw all the devastation and I didn't know how to help so I went to pick up branches around the neighborhood.

Mat Pause

"Home got damaged pretty bad, couple covered bridges got taken out. There was a detour to get home, a ride that usually takes an hour and fifteen minutes took three hours."

Brian Webber

"I grew up in Ludlow which is a town in southern Vermont. They got hit pretty hard with a bunch of rain. The foot of Okemo is gone, valley flooded. My backyard got washed away a little bit and the cops came through the town and called a voluntary evacuation."

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

An Aramark van is parked out back of Huden.

Potential food change at CSC

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College and other Vermont State schools may be serving different food to its students by the end of next year.

Next June Aramark's contract with Vermont State Schools will be coming to an end and Castleton's administration is gearing up with its sister schools to create a new food contract over the course of the next year. The contract will be directly focused on the needs and wants of the students and will be pieced together by analyzing all aspects of food service on campus, officials say.

Castleton President Dave Wolk has been one of the most involved members and said if students want to voice their opinions on the matter, now is the time.

"We (Vermont State Schools) are working together with a national consultant to put together a bid for the food services" said Wolk, who added that he's looking forward to seeing the competition between companies and what each of them will offer the school in way of food service innovations.

"They will be researching us as well to find out if they can provide what this campus needs for the right dining environment," Wolk said.

The outside consultant hired by Vermont state schools will be visiting Castleton on Sept. 28 for several days to interview students, faculty and food staff as well as evaluate equipment needs and the style of food service needed for the school.

For many students like Dylan Plumley, who are less than thrilled with the performances of the food services, the timing couldn't be better.

"They've (Aramark) been running with confidence this whole time, not worried that the food tastes like shit," said Plumely who started a "Petition to Remove Aramark from CSC" Facebook page after being told he couldn't leave the dining hall with his coffee by Huden employees and that Public Safety would be informed if he did. "The way they enforce their policies and the attitude in which they operate towards the students, it's uncaring."

Plumely modeled the page after efforts done by Duke University when polling its students about the quality of Aramark's work on their campus and says that in the end it exists not as a means to cause trouble, but to advocate change and get student opinions to better campus dining.

Wolk also mentioned the possibility of operating independently and has made it part of the research process to find out whether or not Castleton could maintain its own full time staff of Huden chefs as a way to increase revenue for the school.

Dean of Students Dennis Proulx said that may be a bit too ambitious.

"It's something that's worthwhile to look into, but big companies can handle liability better than we could," said Proulx. "They have the staff and personnel at many layers that we need and would lose if we went independent."

The writing of the new contract will ultimately affect another important future project for the school, the renovation of Huden dining hall.

"I visited three different schools with Aramark, all doing different things that we could use," said Proulx. "Given the tools we are able to provide them within Huden, I believe that the variety of food and the creativity we see from them is exceptional, but I also believe in what we need now as well."

Proulx went on to remark how the equipment within Huden is extremely dated and hopes that with a new contract Castleton will be able to route money toward providing newer technologies within the dining hall with the aid of the future food provider.

And many students are ready for the needed changes that the contract renewal will bring, be it with or without Aramark.

"I think that we need to bring in someone new," said sophomore Nick Moon. "I don't think the service is bad, they just need to be able to give us more variety and serving choice."

According to Food Service Director Michael Williams, Aramark is optimistic and the company will be looking forward to seeing what direction the VSC decides to take with dining on campus as well as the feedback from the research found by the consultant during his visit.

By December a request for proposal, or RFP, will be drafted after the consultants have reviewed the needs of the schools and sent out to the major food vendors interested in the contract. From there the vendors will visit CSC to find out if they can meet the needs requested and by February of 2012 a company will be decided.

When it comes down to it, according to Proulx, it will be the students who make the decision.

"We could be serving Fillet Minion every meal if it's what the students wanted!" said Proulx.

Book rentals save big $

By Kat Eichler
Castleton Spartan

Summer sunshine is starting to fade away in Vermont. Yellow buses whiz past to deliver bouncing bodies to a restless world. The trees start to hint at colors hidden below their green shell. School is back in session.

To Castleton, this means leaving summer lives behind for a studious lifestyle mixed with a dash of wild and crazy.

First thing's first, a trip to the College Store. Go through the glass-paned double doors and enter the world of everything Castleton. Clothes racks adorned with everything from sweatshirts to baby clothes. Notebooks and writing supplies are proudly displayed. Although beautiful, a dreaded section lies in the back, slightly hidden.

Did you forget you were in a bookstore?

Four story shelves packed with five-inch-thick books and even bigger price tags. Every year students moan about the rising cost of books and the seemingly smaller and smaller selection of used books.

Sophomore Jack O'Connor feels almost sick walking out with a receipt in hand.

"After working all summer and saving money, seeing $250 for one book and spending almost $200 on the others, well, there goes your money," says O'Connor.

But the bookstore is now providing an alternative, allowing students to spend less time paying off their credit card bill and more time on "making it rain." It's called text book renting and it's sweeping the nation, one school at a time.

John Schwaner is the College Store manager and is very excited about this new program. "It can save students 50 to 70 percent off the retail price of a book which can be a significant saving to the student," said Schwaner.

After carefully considering several different companies, the store decided to affiliate with ecampus.com, a national rental company. Any student on campus can rent most books for their class in six easy steps.

"Bundled books, say for English, and custom published books are not available for rental," warns Schwaner. "It's also a payment on order system so you cannot use your student account to purchase a book rental."

Seems convenient, right? Some would argue otherwise.

Business professor Ed Dansereau uses an e-book in his class to keep the cost down. "From what I understand, it would cost about the same amount of money to rent a book as it would to buy a book and sell it back," says Dansereau. "Books cost money, yes, but on the other hand it's the cost of college."

"In general, our professors are in tune with what kids are going through. Keep in mind, though, that professors are looking for the best book at the best price.

CSC PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

Date	Incident	Location
8/25	Medical	Fine Arts Center
8/28	Medical	Castleton Hall
8/ 28	Vehicle damage	Castleton lot
8/29	Weather damage	gym/gym lot
8/29	Disrespect	Morril Hall
8/31	Theft	Athletics
9/2	Vehicle accident	Library lot
9/4	Drugs	Wheeler Hall
9/4	Fight/ medical	Morril Hall
9/5	Medical	Haskel Hall

Participants of the 2009 Death Race crawl through barbed wire trench. (Above)
Participant of the 2008 Death Race crawls through a barbed wire obstacle. (Below)

You won't finish

New athletic professor co-founds Death Race in Pittsfield, Vt.

By: Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Imagine that you have just signed up for an endurance race. One called the Death Race, none –the-less. The two race directors inform you six months prior to the race that you are required to bring a mountain bike the day of. So, assuming that you will be riding the bike during the race, of course you train. However, when you arrive at the race site, they remove the bike tires and duct tape them together and take the bike's chain and place it in a sealed plastic bag: you are to carry the body of the bike for the entirety of the race.

Oh, and during the race you discover that one obstacle is to locate the chain with your name on it, which is at the bottom of a pond with 200 other chains.

And the bike tires? They are scattered around and in various trees in the deep forests of Pittsfield, Vermont.

Not to mention it's pitch black and you have been up for 26 hours tackling physically and mentally demanding tasks.

The bikes are only actually ridden for about 45 seconds at the end of the race.

This is only one example of the tasks that are required of participants in the Spartan Death Race, which has been held in Pittsfield for the past six years in the month of June.

Professor Andy Weinberg, who was only hired at Castleton as full-time this fall, is one of two co-founders of the race which, as described by its website www.youmaydie.com, is a "grueling, 24 hour endurance race comprised of mud runs, obstacle racing, trail racing, physical challenges and mental challenges all in a +48 hour adventure race."

"I know the website is called youmaydie.com, but we obviously don't really want people to die…however we have had some serious injuries," said Weinberg.

After completing years of marathons, triathlons and swimming events, along with his friend and co-founder Joe DeSena, they decided that they needed to create something a little more exciting.

"The races…they became sort of boring. You know, marathons are always 26 miles, for example, so you know when they start, you know when they finish- you basically know everything that is going to happen. So we thought it would be cool to come up with something people don't know, something that nobody could duplicate," Weinberg said. "This race is unlike any other… it is meant to break you. In every other race people cheer for you, but in the death race we don't… instead we tell you that you are not going to finish."

Weinberg, who taught as both a High School P.E teacher in Illinois for 15 years and as a high school teacher at Middlebury prior to coming to Castleton, said that he considers himself to be a lifetime athlete, however teaching is his full-time profession and working with the Race is more of his hobby.

The idea for the Death Race evolved one day after Weinberg and DeSena were asked to split wood for one of their neighbors. The two competitors decided to take it to the next level and of course, made it into a competition to see who could chop the most wood.

"If you chop wood for an hour, I mean, it's tough. I was so sore the next day I could barely move—I couldn't even brush my teeth," he said.

So they decided to do something with it.

"The first year we sort of winged it. It was just ten of us who took 24 hours to finish the race and then we took it from there, working on it all the time," he said.

In summer of 2012 Pittsfield will hold its 7th annual death race, although competitors can never really be sure when it will actually start.

Professor Matt Soroka, who participated in the race two years ago, explained that one of the biggest things with the race is the unknown. "The two race directors, they tell you two completely different things- they even lie about when it's supposed to start," said Soroka.

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Jess Lawrenson

Me? A senior?

Wait I'm a what? No, no you must be mistaken. Freshman year feels like yesterday. I can't be a senior.

Starting school this year was a huge wake up call. I realized I had less than nine months to figure out what I am doing after graduation. Possibly even less time with people constantly asking me "what are you doing after you graduate." Sometimes I feel like telling them I didn't go to school for fortune telling therefore I have no idea. Then I came the realization that soon I won't have breaks every five weeks to do what I please, or even a summer break. We count down the days until we have a day off from school, but in the real world we won't have that. If you are lucky, you get two weeks a year. We get that much at Castleton within two and a half months.

Senior year won't be all bad though. Credit wise I do have the lightest load I have ever had, mostly because I started planning for senioritus my sophomore year by taking 18 credits every semester. On top of a light load, I got first pick on classes. Plus by senior year you know what professors you like and who to avoid for whatever reasons. Even though I am not a huge drinker, senior year will involve my first Dog experience. I've been told my first Dog night is a must since I am finally 21. Judging by what I saw in Safe Ride last year, it is a fun place if you're with the right people.

As exciting as senior year is, I still like to look back at my freshman year with friends.

We look back on the days when we had money in our wallets, and we stayed up late just because we could. Having the first day of school off made me realized how much I had changed.

My first snow day freshman year we slept in, played hide and seek in the dorms, and naturally did everything but homework because back then we believed in procrastination. But having the first day off this year I went out and filmed parts of Irene and edited the video for the Spartan online edition. I am still not sure how I went from procrastination to somewhat productive. Until I figure that out, I suppose I will just enjoy senior year before I leave in May.

Summer Staff Picks

Movies

HP7 pt. 2: ★★★★
"Last year, the end began. This summer the end … ended"

Friends With Benefits: ★★★★
"Can't tell it apart from 'No Strings Attached?' This one has NSYNC and the other had Queen Amidala."

The Help: ★★★★
"Liked the book? You'll like the movie. Illiterate? You'll still probably like the movie."

Bridesmaids: ★★★★★
"The critics on Rotten Tomatoes liked it. Read that again and let it sink in."

Horrible Bosses: ★★★★
"Surprisingly, as funny as the trailers make it look."

Music

Lil Wayne - Tha Carter IV: ★★
"He returned from the moon for long enough to drop some nonsense lyrics."

Red Jumpsuit Apparatus - Am I The Enemy: ★★★★
"Don't Lose Hope in this band that may have given you reason to."

Yellowcard - When You're Through Thinking Say Yes: ★★★★
"There's no Denial in saying this band is right back on track after their break."

Bassnectar - Divergant Spectrum: ★★★
"If you didn't hear it in iLuminate's act on America's Got Talent, you missed its best form."

LMFAO - Sorry for Party Rocking: ★★★
"3 words: Everyday I'm SHUFFLIN'"

Games

Brink: ★★
"The mediocrity wouldn't have been so bad if it wasn't so extremely hyped up."

Deus Ex: ★★★★
"An out-of-place feeling prequel that still delivers solid gameplay true to the franchise."

Child of Eden: ★★★
"So disappointingly frustrating for such a well-executed and innovative concept."

Alice Madness Returns: ★★★
"The twisted and beautiful art is enough to make anyone excuse some repetitive gameplay."

Fruit Ninja Kinect: ★★★★★
"It's fruit ninja on Kinect. What more needs to be said?"

College investigates fight

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College is investigating a Sept. 4 off-campus fight between two students that led an ambulance, two first-response vehicles and a police officer back to campus later that day.

Though college officials would not name those involved, students identified them as Jake Miter and John Budwick.

"As the vehicles arrived Shaun Williams, the AC, was in a full sprint yelling 'third floor! Third floor!' I've never seen him move so fast," said sophomore Megan Harris.

After the vehicles arrived, students came out talking of a fight and "some kid getting their head smashed in," Harris said. She said a gurney was brought in to the building, but brought out empty.

"Allison Mockler told us to all go back to our buildings. So we did, and then we watched from the windows," Harris said

Though the details of the fight remain unclear, Dean of Students Dennis Proulx confirmed that one student was injured and that the college is investigating.

"The student was brought to the hospital for transport and released," Proulx said.

Miter and Budwick were both contacted, but declined to comment. Residence life staff also declined to comment on the fight and Public Safety director Bob Godlewski couldn't be reached for comment.

Although Proulx declined to talk specifically about this case, he did describe the process in similar cases.

"The college, typically in these cases, would implement a temporary suspension, schedule a hearing with all those involved, and present the outcome to the individuals, since hearings are closed to the public," said Proulx.

According to the college handbook, temporary suspension is implemented prior to hearings "when a student is determined by the President or his/her designee to present a threat to person, property, or academic environment." The terms of suspension vary by situation.

Proulx continued to say that the college, if deemed fit under federal law, can release outcomes to the campus community.

"At this point this is not one of those cases," Proulx said.

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Cars are submerged outside of Glenbrook Gymnasium after flooding caused by Irene.

Proud to be a Spartan

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Officer Tom Holland and Assistant Facilities Director Rick Wareing, who both quickly notified students and staff members, who were on the second floor at meeting, at the right time to evacuate.

"Rick and Tom then cleared out and shut down the building just prior to the rapidly rising water level reaching a transformer. The power was turned off, no one was electrocuted, everyone was safe, and people were preserved over things," said Wolk.

Dean of Students Dennis Proulx was also impressed with the ownership that the students, student athletes, and faculty showed, as well as the overall community response in the wake of damage caused by the storm.

"There has been overwhelming support," he said in an interview last week. "We shouldn't consider ourselves victims since our damage is insignificant in comparison to the rest of the Vermont community."

Commuter students were also immensely affected by the flooding, Proulx said.

"We've been working with about 15 students who have been stranded in various places like Mendon, White River Junction, and Killington," Proulx continued, "and as of Friday many had made it back to campus."

Although the first half of Convocation was nearly completely devoted to the discussion of Irene, the rest took a tone of sincere gratitude, congratulations, and pride for our small college with a big heart.

Wolk spoke of courteousness, an overwhelming sense of community and the greatness that is Spartan Pride.

"Pride in the small but meaningful gestures we experience every day on our campus, from polite greetings to doors held open to picking up litter to recycling to every day personal interactions characterized by courtesy and respect," he said.

Also at convocation, Proulx received the Outstanding Alumni Award. In announcing the award, Jennifer Jones, Upward Bound director and vice president of the Alumni Association, said that Dean Proulx had "served the College in many capacities with dedication and his accomplishments are a model for current students and alumni."

In reaction to his award, Proulx said "I was flabbergasted and humbled to think that people pay attention to the work I do here.

"It's like what the Wizard of Oz said the Tin Man about his heart, 'Your heart is not judged by how much you love, but how much you are loved.' It is incredibly to know that my work here is meaningful and worthy of recognition."

G.I. Bill helps soldiers into classrooms

By Zach Kulpa and Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Making the transition from the battlefield to civilian life can be difficult for combat veterans, but trading in boots for books has made the process a bit easier for many former service members.

Countless veterans return home unprepared for the complex shift from military structure and never-ending deployments to a calm, but different lifestyle.

The former soldiers naturally struggle with social, economic and deeply delicate issues that are in stark contrast to the problems encountered overseas.

James Cote, a senior at Castleton State College, immediately encountered troubles after the end of his U.S. Army enlistment.

"I'm still not as sociable as I was before going in [the military]," Cote said. "I was married when I was in, and coming back home split my marriage apart. I wasn't able to communicate, which just made things impossible."

The former 82nd Airborne Infantry solider said that enrolling in classes at the Community College of Vermont before transferring to Castleton made his assimilation much easier.

Finding serenity back home with family and friends has made the adjustment difficult for scores of combat veterans.

A lot of returning service members attempt to overcome mental anxiety complexities including Post-traumatic stress disorder or other troubles involving nervousness and depression.

PTSD is a type of anxiety disorder that occurs after a person witnesses or experiences a traumatic event that possibly involved the danger of personal injury or death, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

"Many of these former combat soldiers have issues with anxiety, as they are hyper-aware of their surroundings," said Brad Young, a readjustment counselor for the Vet Center. "Always checking rooftops, being wary of potholes or trash on the side of the road — all of these things make day-to-day life very difficult."

Young - working out of the local Vet Center in White River Junction - recently opened an office for student veterans on the Castleton campus, making accessibility to services and assistance much easier.

A student veterans club is also in the process of forming at CSC, providing a place for the veterans to support each other and deal with concerns in a group setting.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs also has a major hand in assisting the former service members and new students with the overwhelming costs involved with attending college.

"The G.I. Bill has definitely helped a lot," Cote said. "Just being able to go to school has helped me reintegrate into the community a lot easier, and that wouldn't be possible without the V.A."

After World War II, the G.I. Bill was initially built by the V.A. to assist veterans with the price tag of a post-secondary education. The program gives veterans money toward education after active duty, whether it is college courses, trade schools, internships or other programs.

The most recent formulation of the government program, named the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, gives veterans more money and benefits than ever before. "The [Post-9/11] G.I. Bill is one of the best things for veteran students," said Merle Bronson, the V.A. Certification Officer at Castleton. "Based upon service, Post-9/11 veterans returning to school get money for tuition, basic housing and a book stipend."

In 2009, more than 460,000 higher-learning students applied to obtain G.I. Bill assistance and the total number has since increased, according to the V.A.

There are currently 30 former service members enrolled at CSC receiving V.A. tuition benefits.

Could you death race?

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During Soroka's race they were told to bring a 30 lb. bag of pennies to the start. When they arrived at the start, the directors told them they could leave the pennies behind if they chose to.

"None of us did it though, because we thought we would need it... it turned out they were really donating them to charity," said Soroka.

The race costs $400 to enter and used to feature a cash prize, but Weinberg said that out of all the years that they offered the prize, only one person accepted it.

The rest donated it to charity. A majority of the money raised at the race is donated to the Wounded Warrior Project, a diabetes fund, and locally to both the food and women's shelter.

Although Soroka did not end up finishing the race, he did last 26 hours and said that he was not disappointed by his efforts.

"Because it was my first year, I was more relieved than disappointed. At that point I was mostly worried about my wife who was 11 months pregnant," he explained.

"The race is nice, but it reaches a point where you realize that you have stuff to do the next day," he said.

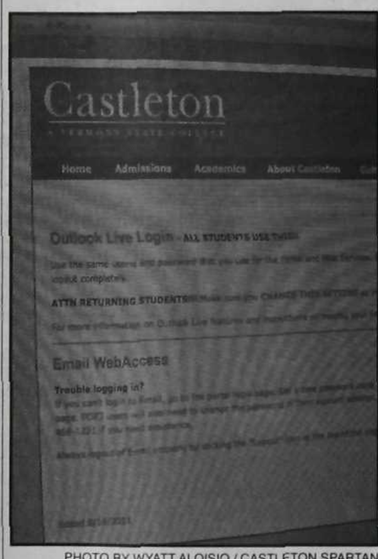
Soroka is already signed up for the 2012 Death Race, however, and said that he will probably not bring his family along this time around.

According to Weinberg, while only 20% of 200 participants finish the race, there are people from "all walks of life" who attend: males, females, people of all ages (the youngest person to complete the race was 17 and the oldest was 54) and that last year 32 states were represented.

"There are doctors, teachers, military personnel... these people are truly inspirational," said Weinberg.

He also noted that the Death Race is not the only race that is offered through the organization (Peak Racing), and that if you access the website you will find a variety of different races designated for a variety of different types of people: their main goal is to just get people active.

"We are both life-long athletes and we believe that fitness is important in life," said Weinberg while addressing the problems of obesity and diabetes in our country, "so we designed something unique and different...something that gets people of this couch," he said.



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Returning students having issues linking Groupwise and Outlook accounts. They need to change the setting (shown above) and follow the directions.

E-mail blunders

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come a potentially irritating issue and be productive, Arner said.

"[Faculty and staff] were pretty understanding" she said.

Malinowski agreed.

"Given the huge nature of the flooding and everything happening statewide...[faculty and staff] were very, very understanding and patient about what they could not get access to," she said.

Men dominate SUNY Cobleskill

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

There is one word that is overused perhaps more than any other in sports today. That word is "dominant." It is thrown around so often in reference to teams and their performances that it has almost lost the power and meaning it used to have.

But if there were a performance that truly deserved to be labeled dominant, it would be the Castleton men's soccer team's 7-0 victory over SUNY Cobleskill on Sept. 11.

Castleton jumped all over the Fighting Tigers early as Trevor Kotrady, who has four goals in four games this season, pushed in what would be the winning goal off of a pass from Dameon Young just 14 minutes into the contest.

"Trevor is a good player," coach John Werner said. " He's a handful for anybody to mark."

Young wasn't done offensively, though, as he knocked in a one-touch shot off of a pass from Spencer Danurand less than 10 minutes later.

Even though Castleton didn't score again during the first half of play, it still forced Cobleskill to be alert as it bombarded the away team's net with shots, landing 20 of them on net in just the first 45 minutes.

Cobleskill, on the other hand, mustered only three shots during that time.

With keeper Brian Faulkner ineffective in the first half, Cobleskill switched goalies for second half, placing Patrick Cobane in front of Castleton's firing squad.

Cobane fared even worse, though, and the Spartans scored five more goals in the second half with 12 shots on goal.

Danurand got into the scoring nine minutes into the second half when Cobane came out of the net to retrieve a loose ball. Danurand got a foot on the ball, pushing it away from Cobane, who fell to the ground after running into his defender. Danurand chased the ball down and quickly tapped it in the open goal for the easy score.

PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Spencer Danurand (7) before scoring on an open net while Cobleskill's keeper, Patrick Cobane, looks on.

John Kendall accounted for two of Caslteton's goals in just five minutes. The first was a laser beam of a shot from about 30 yards out that squeaked by the outstretched arms of a diving Cobane. The second was a header that redirected a pass from Dillon Zaengle into the back of the net.

Castleton's offense was also boosted by goals from Tanner LeCuyer and Jack Hubbard.

"[Cobleskill] is a young team," Werner said. "We were just man-for-man better players than they were. We just played better flat out. We had more talent and more experience.

With time in the second half waning, Cobleskill's frustration grew, turning the game more physical. Several players from both teams were sent flying to the ground, and Kotrady and Cobleskill's Taylor Gates received yellow cards in the 63rd minute of play.

Keeper Nate Koenemann made two saves in 71 minutes for the Spartans while Nolan Arentz and Travis Powers each played nine minutes without needing to make a save.

Castleton finished the game dominating the Fighting Tigers 32-5.

Castleton's next game is on Sept. 14 when the Spartans host Plattsburgh State at 7 p.m.

Werner says Plattsburgh should be a good test for Castleton.

"Plattsburgh is one of our top two opponents with Middlebury," Werner said. "That will be a tough, tough game for us."

Despite that, though, Werner is excited for the game.

"We feel good about our team," he said. "We love our guys. I'm optomistic."

Field hocky season off to a rocky start

PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Above: Brynn Cayia fights for possension against a player from Western New England. Below: Mercedes Maltbie attepts to steal the ball from Mt. Holyoke player.

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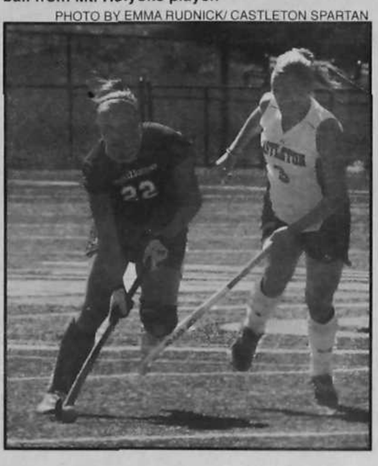

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

It was a rough start for the Spartan field hockey team as it kicked off its season with a 1-4 record, suffering losses at the hands of Skidmore College, the University of New England, Plymouth State and Mount Holyoke.

The team's only win came on Sept. 11 as it defeated Western New England University 3-1.

The team lost its home opener 3-0 against Skidmore on Sept. 1. The game had been expected to be a very tough one for the Spartans after they lost to the team 8-1 last season.

The Spartans had many scoring opportunities, playing very well offensively, however, they just couldn't get the ball in the net.

In the first half of the game the Spartans dominated by holding off Skidmore with excellent goaltending coming from the Spartans goalkeeper Bridget Dusha.

During the last minute of the first half, though, the Thoroughbreds took a 1-0 lead thanks to a goal scored by Annie Rosencrans.

"We are trying new things, we are making good changes in the line-up, and good changes in our system," Landon said. "I'm extremely pleased with our first half."

The midfield also made several excellent carries up the field. Senior Stephanie Paproski, and juniors Caitlin Briggs and Mercedes Maltbie were all standouts.

After the Thoroughbreds second goal was scored with 23 minutes remaining, Skidmore began to pick up its game, scoring once again and sealing the 3-0 victory over Castleton.

On Sept. 4, the Spartans found themselves reeling again from a 4-3 overtime upset against UNE, a top competitor.

The Spartans held a lead throughout most of the game, ending the first half in a 3-2 lead thanks to a pair of goals from Briggs and sophomore Rachel Preusser. The Spartans maintained their lead until there was six minutes remaining as sophomore Kelsea Beisaw scored the tying goal for UNE.

However, the Spartans couldn't hold off the Nor'easters for too long. Just over three minutes into overtime play, Michelle Oswald sent a ball in the front of the cage to end the game at 4-3.

"We really competed against UNE," Landon said. "We can play better than we did. That was the one that got away."

Despite the two losses, Landon isn't getting too down on herself or her team.

"It was a really exciting weekend," Landon said. "Our team shows so much dedication and commitment, especially from the returning players. They want it, they're ready."

The first six games for the Spartans are non-conference, and Landon says she sees this as good learning period for the rest of the team's season.

Women's soccer shows up strong early in the season

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

After starting the season 3-0, the Spartan women's soccer team dropped back-to-back games against Plattsburgh State and Plymouth State this past weekend. The Spartans walked off the field with their heads down after a 3-2 overtime loss to Plattsburgh on Sept. 8. Then on Sept. 10 they found themselves in the loss column again after battling hard in a tough 1-0 loss.

Before hitting a wall against Plattsburgh and Plymouth, though, Castleton looked impressive against its competition, shutting out the likes of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Lesley University and Johnson and Whales.

They defeated RPI in a close 1-0 game, thanks to the foot of senior Courtney Chadburn and the goaltending of Ericka Davis. Scoring an unassisted goal, Chadburn drove in the winning shot 61 minutes into the game. This is the first time since 2004 that the lady Spartans have won their first game of the season.

PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Jenna Bostwick fights through a slide tackle against Plattsburgh St.

"We have high expectations," says coach Chris Chapdelaine, "we aren't playing our best yet, but we're looking to get stronger."

The Spartans did just that. In their following game against Lesley, Chadburn scored all four goals for the team, giving her first hat trick of the season. Two of the goals were less than a minute apart.

"She just makes every goal look so easy," said Chapdelaine. "We're so fortunate to have her."

Also contributing to the victory against Lesley was freshman goalkeeper Katja Langmaid, making her debut in net with five saves in 90 minutes of play.

The Spartans faced another close game on Sunday when defeating Johnson & Whales University by a score of 1-0. The game came down to its final seconds, but Castleton came out on top thanks to a goal scored by Chadburn.

As well as Chadburn, senior goalkeeper Ericka Davis came out on top, making eleven saves, giving her her second shut out of 2011.

"We have done very well up front," says Chapdelaine.

Chadburn scored five of the six goals scored by the Spartans this weekend. She is also just nine goals away from scoring the all-time high here at Castleton.

Not only do the lady Spartans have Chadburn up front, but they also have two key offensive players, seniors Hillary Cook, and Brynn Campbell.

Chapdelaine says that the team's defensive anchors in the back consist of goalkeeper Davis, and defensemen Kelly Tetreault.

Chapdelaine says he is excited about the big returning players, having returned nine of eleven starters. The Spartans also welcome four freshmen this season.

"We are looking to progress, we can always get stronger," says Chapdelaine.

The lady Spartans are also doing something new this year. They are wearing purple sweatbands to bring awareness to Alzheimer's disease.

"This was all [the players'] idea," says Chapdelaine. "It goes to show that they are truly a great group of well-rounded people. I am so lucky to be their coach."

Sports talk

Kyle Turner

Welcome to another year of Castleton State College athletics! I'm just as excited as all of you to see our athletes in action. After winning the North Atlantic Conference last year, look for the women's soccer team to repeat as NAC champs this season. With nine returning starters, the Spartans are poised to only build off of last year's success.

The men's soccer team has been chosen to win the NAC this year with six returning starters from last year's team. A lot of pressure is on them to live up to this year's expectations.

Last year the football team exploded onto the scene, posting an impressive 5-4 overall record and a 5-2 record in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference. The team is picked to finish fourth in the ECFC poll this year. With six new faces on the coaching staff and newly appointed head coach Mark Klatt, the team seems ready to surprise many people again this year. I see them being contenders to win the conference.

Men's cross country has been picked to finish third in the NAC behind New England College and Lyndon State College. Lyndon, who has won the NAC championship in each of its three seasons in the conference, received seven first place votes. New England College received two.

The women's cross country team did not receive the same love as the men's team did however. They were picked to finish fifth while Husson and Lyndon were picked to finish tied for first in the NAC.

On a national note, football is back and I know how excited we all are for the upcoming season after the lockout. My prediction for Super Bowl XLVI is the Patriots over the Packers 21-17.

Challeen brings new offense to Castleton

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

The bright lights of Spartan Arena that shine down on the players cast long shadows. They are drenched in sweat even though the sun has gone down, and they emit a stench that can only be achieved by the intensity of a Spartan football practice.

The quarterback grunts the cadence, and on the sideline his teammates gesture hand signals to communicate strategy. Also on the sideline stands coach Jason Challeen, the man behind the new Spartan offence.

This past summer Challeen was hired as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator for the Spartans. Challeen has 20 years of coaching experience and is a long time friend of head coach Marc Klatt.

"I worked with coach Klatt at St. Cloud State University, a Division II school in Minnesota. We were both graduate assistants there. I worked with him for a year at the time," Challeen said.

For the next ten years Klatt and Challeen kept the friendship alive through phone, email and meetings at various coaching events. Klatt has been able to watch Challeen's career develop as his own has.

PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Coach Challeen on the sideline during a football practice at Spartan Stadium.

"You gain a trust," Klatt said. "He has great expertise to lend to our team."

In his short time at Castleton, Challeen is already respected by the Spartans. According to Chris Kiernan, a center and senior at Castleton, Challeen wants the team to establish a running game and play hard physical football.

"One of the advantages of having coach Challeen as, not only a line coach, but as offensive coordinator is the enthusiasm he brings and the excitement that he puts into going back onto old-school football," Kiernan said. "He gives a fresh feeling to the team."

It can be hard for a team to stay focused when a tropical storm floods your locker room, but Challeen is impressed with the way the team has handled itself through the situation.

"Once they got over the initial shock of everything, everyone's attitude has been: 'Okay, what do we need to do next to get ready to play next Saturday?'" he said.

Challeen is also a family man and he has brought his family, wife Cheryl, three-year-old daughter Gracelin, and four-month-old son Hunter, to Vermont with him.

Challeen said the opportunity to work with Klatt is what originally drew him to Castleton. He then added that coming out here, seeing the landscape, and meeting the people is what made him fall in love with it.

"The guys here at Castleton have done a great job embracing the new system, and I think were on the verge of doing some really exciting things," Challeen said enthusiastically.

Lady Spartans wear sweatbands for Diane Wolk

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Every time the women's soccer team takes the field for a game, they wear Castleton's colors of green and white. But this season they've added a hint of purple.

On each player's left arm you will see a purple sweatband with a Spartan logo on it. The band represents the team's support for the Alzheimer's Foundation. These bands hold a very special place in the player's hearts because the impact hits so close to home for all of them.

If you look close enough at bands, you will see the initials D.W. on them. These initials stand for Castleton President Dave Wolk's wife Diane Wolk, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's a few years ago.

The idea came about last season when the team was doing a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Foundation. Sophomore Kelsey Lenney said each player had to get 20 people to donate to the cause. They started to ask people to give a dollar for every goal that the team scored. The team's motto last season was "Score goals, get money."

The team even had a purple game last year, wearing plain purple sweatbands in honor of the Alzheimer's' Foundation as a whole.

But this season they decided to add Diane Wolk's initials to the sweatbands to honor her personally. Lenney even mentioned that the team wears the bands on their left arm because it's closer to their hearts that way.

She said President Wolk even went to the teams practice and brought Diane and she told the team how much it meant to her that they were doing that.

"It was so moving. We all had tears in our eyes, but we were proud that we could give something back to a good cause by playing the game that we all love," Lenney said.

President Wolk was also moved and had nothing but flattering words to say about the team.

"That team is very special. They have a great coach, an amazing attitude, and a sense of the world beyond sports," Wolk said. "That team never ceases to amaze me. It is very special to me and to my family."

Lenney added that being a part of something this meaningful has even helped her team's performance and is giving everyone more inspiration to win.

"I love that we are doing this. I feel like it makes us play even harder and makes us want it more," Lenney said. "Now, we are not only playing to win and for our school, but we are playing for Diane Wolk and for all the families and individuals that are suffering from Alzheimer's."

Senior MacKenzie Gage agrees with Lenney.

"I think coming up with this idea was amazing, and it truly meant a lot to President Wolk. It is truly an honor to take part in something so wonderful," Gage said.

Junior Ericka Davis said the team is touched by how much it meant to both President Wolk and his wife.

"We as a team feel so proud that we have done something to make a difference in the lives of our President and his family, and we are proud to wear our Alzheimer bands in Mrs. Wolk's honor in every game we play," Davis said.

"The women on that team represent the best of what we hope for in Castleton students. They are mature, responsible, intelligent, conscientious and compassionate. They work hard. They play hard. They are excellent students and model citizens. Diane would be proud of them," Wolk said.

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Purple sweat band with the initials DW for Diane Wolk.

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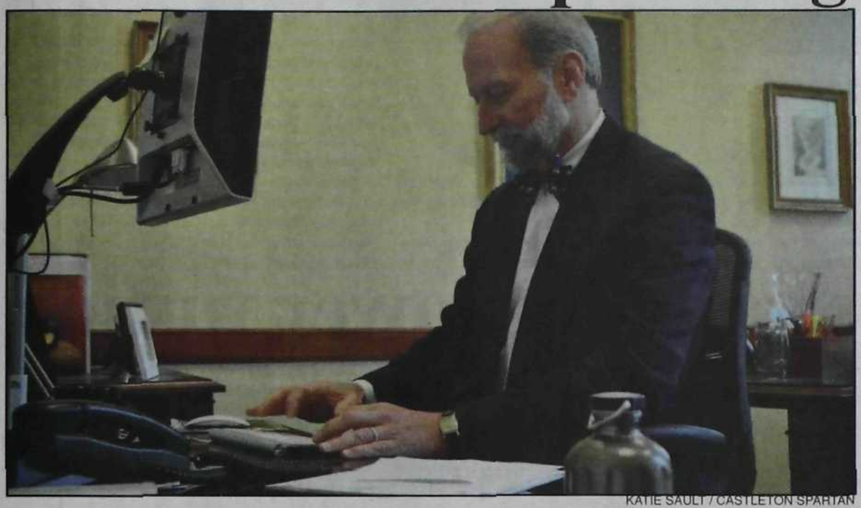

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Dean Joe Mark types away in his office. Mark is retiring after 32 years at Castleton State.

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

After 32 years serving the Castleton State College community, Academic Dean Joe Mark will retire at the end of this academic year.

Mark came to Castleton in 1980 after being Dean of Students at Pitzer College in Claremont Calif. The son of two Bavarian immigrants with sixth grade educations, Mark said he was always forced to recognize the importance of education.

"They believed education is how you moved up the ladder and made a better life ... I was fortunate to be allowed to pursue interests beyond what my parents understood or were interested in," he said.

After attending parochial and Jesuit educational institutions for 17 years, he went on as a first generation college student to earn his bachelor's degree in psychology and philosophy at St. Peter's College.

"I settled on psychology and philosophy. I would always say, psychology was for the future and philosophy was for fun," he said.

With the guidance of faculty member at St. Peter's, Mark was encouraged to apply to graduate school.

"When I got accepted to some of the places, he said, 'You're going to Rochester.' He was an Italian, an immigrant like my parents. I liked it there. I ended up going for clinical psychology," Mark said.

Upon completion of his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Rochester University, he took positions at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y. as assistant professor of psychology and then moved on to Pitzer College where he was academic dean for four years.

"At that point, I had been working with mostly private colleges and two things happened, we wanted to move back east ... and the other was that I wanted to try working with public colleges. I had many good relationships with students from the colleges I had been working at but as a group, I was becoming less interested in working with students whom I will describe as of privilege," he said.

Mark said at these very expensive, private colleges, he found the students less than gracious about the education they were being provided. He wanted students who were more "salt of the earth."

"I've always thought of myself as being a servant in educational terms, so even though I had gone to a private Jesuit college, it was really serving a much more population as Castleton does — a salt of the earth, lower middle class, and often first generation populations, as I was, that I was interested in," he said.

Upon taking the dean of students position at Castleton in 1980, he describes the circumstances as less than desirable.

"The facility was in horrible shape. Dorm life was terrible; there was a lot of vandalism, and disruptive behavior. I've always loved challenges and clearly, there were a lot here," he said.

But after only three years of hard work and dedication to the institution, the challenges had already begun to be overcome. The retention rate went from a loss of 29 percent the fall of 1980 to a steady 7 percent by the end of his third year as dean of students.

"It was a lot of work, in fact I've never worked harder in my life, but it felt meaningful," he said.

While Mark will be leaving the Castleton College community, he and his wife, Nancy, plan to remain here in the town of Castleton in the home where they've raised their children.

"I feel very, very fortunate that I have been able to stay in the same community, to raise my kids here, allow my wife to get equally settled into her own profession — she's been an elementary principle for 20 plus years — without having to disrupt all of that, I've been able to have these constant opportunities and challenges," he said.

And even with all of the challenges and progress made here at Castleton in 32 years, he credits the student body and the institutional goals for distinct successes.

"So what am I most proud of? One is that we've preserved that culture on campus where we treat each other respectfully... I'm very proud of the college's commitment to students who haven't yet realized their potential," he said.

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Seeking $upport

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

On Oct. 20 at 1 p.m., professors, students and administrators will rally on campus addressing the lack of funding that Vermont state colleges receive from the state. The rally will be held outside of Jeffords Hall, weather permitting, or otherwise inside in the lecture hall.

"The intent of the rally is to make people realize that the government in not funding higher education," said Castleton professor Linda Olson, who has helped coordinate the event "We need that support so school is affordable for Vermont students."

Olson explained that while Castleton offers one of the lowest tuition rates of Vermont schools, it is one of the highest in the country.

And Vermont currently rates 50th out of 50 states in terms of state funding.

"That is not very good...it doesn't get much worse than that," said Olson.

The idea of the rally originally came from VSC faculty and several unions.

They each combined efforts and started "looking into possibilities of holding a rally on each of the VSC campus," said Olson.

The group then went to students to see if they wanted to join, and they did.

"The reality is that we have been neglected for a long time by the state. It is having an impact on our students and the amount of debt they are accumulating. We really do need to step up and do something," she said.

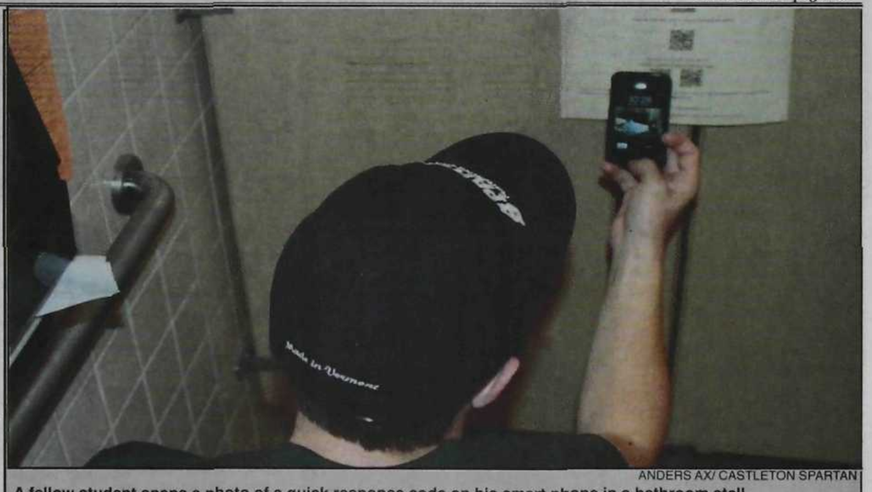
The rally at Castleton will feature a speech from Castleton President Dave Wolk and from several students who will tell their stories of how they have been affected by high tuition prices.

"Not only do we want people to understand the importance, but to get behind this because it does impact their education and I really do think the state needs to step up," she said.

According to Olson, this is only one planned event out of many to come.

"This will be a long campaign. We don't think we will change anything in one event," she said.

"This is just the first of many."



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A fellow student snaps a photo of a quick response code on his smart phone in a bathroom stall.

Looking for codes in all the right places

By Kimberly Vincent
Castleton Spartan

It's dimly lit and there's a slightly unhappy smell surrounding her. There's flimsy white paper to her right and a metal box to her left.

She's sitting in the bathroom stall and in front of her is a series of little black and white squares staring back.

Starting out in the auto industry as a new form of using barcodes, QR, or Quick Response codes have been popping up around campus this year – most notably in the bathroom stalls.

"They're fun to use!" said Judith Carruthers, Career Development director and one of the people behind these back-of-the-stall-door codes.

Using their smart phones, students can download free apps that scan the pixilated codes and lead them to previously stored information. It's as easy as opening the app and aligning the code within a designated square on the screen where it reads the code instantly through the phone's camera.

Connecting the codes to Web sites such as Facebook and Blogspot, Carruthers uses them to spark students' interest.

It works, too.

"I got bored," senior Brendan Silkey explained, "I was like, I'm going to try this out."

This was the general response from students who had scanned these square bathroom codes.

Senior Lindsay Carlton scanned the codes "just out of curiosity."

It has even caught the attention of students without smart phones.

"It sparked my interest -- a little bit," senior Stephanie Terry commented, though she says she might not scan them even if she had the capability to do so.

But, Carruthers has this problem covered too.

"If people don't have that kind of phone, I'll put the Web site," she said. That way, she said, students without the instant access that QR codes provide, can still find the same information contained behind the codes.

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NEASC officials are coming, talk to them

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Castleton students should not be surprised if they notice random visitors wandering around campus on Nov. 7 or Nov. 8. There will be eight visitors and they will have access to essentially anywhere on campus.

Additionally, they have the ability to ask anyone about anything they want regarding the college.

"We expect them to go wherever they want," said Academic Dean Joe Mark. "They have been given an ID card so they can go to Huden, Fireside ... to the library, wherever. When I have been on visiting teams myself, we did those things. We want to make sure we are getting an honest reflection of the school."

These random people shouldn't frighten anyone though.

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The nation mourns an innovator

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Steve Jobs, co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Apple Inc. died Wed. Oct. 5 after succumbing to pancreatic cancer, seven years after being diagnosed. He was 56.

Widely regarded as a leading innovator in computer technology and media, an entrepreneur, a paradigm for business leadership, Jobs changed the face of the technological world and how we live through it.

From the release of the Apple II personal computer in 1977 to the personal computer we hold in our hands today, the iPad and the iPhone, Jobs' creativity has led the way, demanding perfection and incredible innovation in the palms of our hands.

Who would have thought we could hold our entire archives of music in the palm of our hand? Who could have imagined the ability to transfer thousands of files and documents wirelessly across our devices? Is the iPad going to completely oust, in time, the personal computer?

The iPod is now 10 years old. The iCloud, which debuted at the beginning of October, will seamlessly integrate applications and files across all personal Apple based products wirelessly. The iPad is in a league of its own. Two generations in and the competition is nowhere in sight.

Apple has redefined our world, but Jobs was the one who knew the future. He was the one who tapped the pulse of the people, who knew what would work, and the products show. Thanks to him our worlds have opened, creativity has flourished.

When Jobs returned to Apple in 1996 after his company, NeXT Computer, which he founded in 1985, was bought back by Apple, he reinvigorated the company he co-founded to unprecedented popularity and growth. Jobs also had a hand in developing Pixar Animation Studios.

But will Apple continue to stay at the top of the tech realm? Will the passing of this titan devalue the company? Even when he stepped down as CEO on Aug. 24, Apple's stock dropped 5 percent. On Oct. 5 stock dropped less than 1 percent. The future appears to not hang in the balance.

Perhaps he will be remembered as a Renaissance man of our time, articulate, passionate, brilliant. A leader in business innovation.

It will take time to see where Apple goes without their leader. But because of Jobs, our generation will continue to be rife with innovation and advancements beyond our dreams.

At a MacWorld Conference in 2007 before the debut of the iPhone, Jobs said:

"There's an old Wayne Gretsky quote I love -- 'I skate to where the puck is going to be, not to where it's been.' That's what we try to do at Apple."

And that's what will continue to be. He left the world in good hands.

RIP Steve.

Students rally for lower tuition

By Nick minarik
Castleton Spartan

"The public may not be aware of just how dependent the colleges have become on year-to-year tuition increases just to maintain operational budgets."

Linda Olson, president of the Vermont State College Faculty Federation, is exactly right. Not only does the public not know, but many students and faculty members may not either. To be honest, up until a few hours before writing this, I didn't know either.

This may seem like a broad statement about all colleges across the country, but it applies especially to the students in the VSC system. According to the 2011 State Higher Education Executive Officers Report, Vermont's dependence on tuition as a percent of public higher education revenue is 83.7 percent compared to a U.S. average of 40.3 percent. Instead of the ideal situation of the school being funded by a 1:1 ratio of state appropriations and tuition money, Vermont schools are operating at a 4:1 ratio; for every four dollars of tuition money students pay, the college is given approximately one dollar from the state.

That may seem like a lot of technical junk, but it essentially means that colleges are, and will continue to be forced to raise tuition costs to stay in operation, unless something changes.

Now we get to why we're giving you all this information.

There will be rallies for better state funding at each of the VSC schools, Castleton included.

Since many students are unable to attend marches on the capitol and events of that sort, the rally will take place on campus this time.

If you're fed up with paying an arm and a leg to go to college, if you're sick of worrying about tons of loans to make these four years of higher education possible, or if you're terrified of a mounting debt that you'll have to pay off after school, come to the rally.

On Thursday, Oct. 20 in the Jeffords circle, gather with others in your situation and push for change.

Don't sit back and let the poor economy be an excuse for the situation that's unique to Vermont state schools, take the steps to end it.

Tell the state that we deserve the support because we care enough about our education to earn it.

Sounding Off

Reflections on recent events:

Quote from Picasso at the Lapin Agile, September 22, 2011

"I feel that though art, music and science all contributed to the growth of the 20th century, the science movement was the most significant because it helped us discover all that we value as humans today. We have the ability to hope to put an end to cancer, to put a stop to global warming and cure AIDS because of our scientific discoveries. We have hope for all 3 of these because of the movement of science."

–Cameron Maurer

Quote from Sones de Mexico, September 29, 2011

"When I previously thought of Mexican music, what came to my mind was guitars and maracas. What I didn't know was that the music also includes violins and a harp. Another thing I learned today was that Mexican music is very spiritual, and some originated from the Aztecs. Lastly, I didn't realize before this performance that a lot of Mexican and African culture contributes to each other, especially regarding music."

– Bridget Yantz

Quote from Sones de Mexico, September 29, 2011

"One thing that I did not know was that horns were not always in Mariachi music because when I thought of Mariachi, one of the first instruments to come to mind was the trumpet. Also, I never really thought of the flamenco influence on Mexican music. I have always strictly thought of the Iberian Peninsula as flamenco country and of the Central/South America as where tango is prominent. In addition, the marimba's connotations have always been of Jamaica and the Carribean, not of Mexico..."

- Emily Turgeon

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 20
12:30 in the Casella Theater
Rowly Brucken: Facing Horror- Responding to Human Rights Atrocities
No ticket required.
Associate Professor at Norwich University with a specialization in the history of human rights law and US foreign policy, Rowly Brucken, outlines the effects of genocide, ethnic cleansing and other crimes on national integrity.

Wednesday, October 26
7pm in the 1787 Room
Andrew Chaikin: Space Exploration from Earth to Mars
Ticket required.
Acclaimed space historian, Andrew Chaikin, explores the history of space travel and looks at what the future will hold.

Thursday, October 27
12:30pm in the Jeffords Auditorium
Phi Eta Sigma: Sanjukta Ghosh
"What's love got to do with it?"
Ticket required.
Through a multimedia presentation, Professor Ghosh examines the relevance of marriage in today's culture, including the effects of capitalism, Hollywood, and the Defense of Marriage Act.

New dean joins Castleton

Yasmine Ziesler

Samantha Linendoll
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It's always tough being the new person on campus. For some, it's hard to embrace. But for others like Yasamine Ziesler, Castleton's new associate academic dean, they take the moment and run with it.

It's not Ziesler's first time being in a new environment. She has gone from Germany to Korea to Poland. She has her father to thank for her curiosity and desire to explore different cultures. He came to the U.S in 1956 at 9 years old as a World War II refugee from Croatia.

Speaking very little English that he happened to pick up off of a television, he then negotiated with a realtor at 12 years old so his family could buy a home. They settled down in a small northwestern town in Wisconsin, coincidentally not too far from where men's hockey coach, Alex Todd grew up.

Ziesler, now married, with two dogs living in Huntington, Vt., decided to change her sense in direction and wanted to be apart of campus life here at Castleton. Working at the Community College of Vermont for eight years, she said she wanted to get more involved with the students and help them achieve their goals.

"People are really friendly, fun and are committed to students," she said, adding that people here make it much easier to be the new person around campus.

As the associate academic dean, Ziesler's duties include overseeing first year seminars and generally supporting faculty and all the various learning opportunities such as studying abroad.

After asking what goals she had as an individual she was so quick to respond, "help students figure out the challenges to be successful."

Working only a desk away, the dean's administrative assistant Meredith Fletcher spoke about how Ziesler makes the office happy and fun, bringing a lot of energy.

"I'm very impressed how she opens herself up to the Castleton Community and wants to learn as much as she can," Fletcher said. After overhearing her comment, from an office away Associate Academic Dean Tony Pefler yelled "amen."

Already Ziesler is trying to make a difference. Volunteering during the Rutland clean-up day for Hurricane Irene Victims, she spoke about how she didn't see any complaining from the students who were also volunteering their time. She was impressed with how hard everyone was working even though some of the jobs were hard and dirty.

Ziesler said she wants to get to know everyone around campus so she can help them achieve their goals. She said she's excited to see where they stand now and what she can do to guide them to where they want to go.

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Change program educates students on gender equality

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

Jamie wore hers for a friend. Seth wore his for a colleague. Linda wore hers to educate others. Kelsey wore hers for a family member. Sanjukta wore hers for all her students.

Castleton students sported black Got Consent? shirts Sept. 27 to show their support for the CHANGE (Creating, Honoring, Advocating and Nurturing Gender Equality) program and anyone who may be a victim of sexual assault or abuse.

The shirts had white writing stating "Got Consent? Without consent, it's not sex." They showed up throughout the day all over the campus like black and white splotches.

The CHANGE program is meant to make students aware of gender inequity and how dating situations can lead to abuse or rape.

According to rescue.org, one in three women will be raped, abused or beaten in her lifetime.

Organizers said The Got Consent? Day was a campus-wide success with more than 100 faculty and students wearing Got Consent? shirts. The CHANGE office even ran out of shirts even after specifically ordering more for the event.

"I do it to protect the safety of my students," Sanjutka Ghosh, a communications teacher here at Castleton, said about wearing her shirt and being a part of the CHANGE Initiative.

Ghosh added that sexual assault is not only a serious crime, but can create health issues for like sexually transmitted diseases.

With a new coordinator, the CHANGE program plans to host more awareness events this semester and into the spring as well as doing more skits and plays around campus to inform all incoming students how to avoid dangerous situations.

Amy Bremel, the new CHANGE initiative coordinator, said she's excited to be a part of the Castleton community. Her new job entails creating awareness, being an advocate for victims and organizing CHANGE events.

Bremel, who moved to Vermont from Wisconsin with her husband and three kids, said she is finally starting to settle in after her first few weeks.

"It was like somebody wrote this position for me," Bremel said with a beaming smile while almost jumping out of her seat like she'd won the lottery. "I've spent years working with victims of all ages. It's become my life work and my passion."

Students like senior Chris Kiernan are also involved in CHANGE through Peer Advocate for CHANGE (PAC) programs and campaigns.

"I'm a protector and I always have been," Kiernan said stating that PAC and CHANGE have taught him ways to properly protect people while avoiding altercations.

This year marks Brittany Lafirira's third year as a member of the program and she hopes even after college to continue to stay involved in the CHANGE initiative.

"I would like to be part of a change and make a difference for someone else," she said.

The creator of CHANGE, Linda Olson, said she was pleased to see so much support from the students and faculty on Got Consent? Day. She also called Bremel a "fantastic addition" to the CHANGE team.

Since she started the program 2002, Olson said she has been working to change campus culture and create awareness in the Castleton community. She said she is proud of what the program has become and how it has grown – but she wants more.

"The more students that get involved the better!"

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Dean's Assistant Meredith Fletcher and student Kelsey Robbins perform a skit about stalking as part of Got Consent? events.

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Sam Canney and Lauren Cabanaw demonstrate a dating scene.

Is traditional dating dead in college?

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

You shower, dress up, and practice your smile in the mirror. You sit at the window waiting anxiously for a car to arrive. You're going on a real date, but these days you're an exception.

College students are ditching traditional courting for a more relaxed approach to relationships. Our generation is causing the death of dating.

Dating has been replaced with "hanging out" and hooking up. Sophomore Josh Booker says that dating is becoming an idea of the past.

"I've been on three real dates since I started college. None of them ended in relationships. I think it depends on the person. There are still some chivalrous guys that believe in dating," he said.

Linda Olson is a sociology and women's and gender studies professor at Castleton. She is also chair of the CHANGE coalition and warns of the dangers of leaving dating behind and taking the more common form of socialization in college: hooking up. She explained how women are often the lesser partners in these "friends with benefits" situations.

"Hooking up is based on a male notion of sex. Women who engage in hook ups, often times report not having an orgasm. Men almost always do," she said.

In his novel Guyland, Michael Kimmel claims that "Women report an orgasm 34 percent of the time; the men report that the women had an orgasm 58 percent of the time."

"There seems to be a disconnect here... Women are faking it. There needs to be communication about sex and what pleasures us," said Olson.

What are the benefits to dating before jumping in the sack?

Trust and respect is key, according to new CHANGE Coordinator Amy Bremel.

"The biggest benefit I would say is knowing that person; it's also a friendship. You know that person's goals and dreams and wants. Otherwise it makes them essentially a stranger," she said.

Women are more likely to initiate relationships, according to Olson. But many females are opting out of dating. Sophomore Kaylee Pinson is one of these women.

"I haven't been on one since I've been in college. I wanted to have a good time and live it up last year," she said.

Olson believes that alcohol is partially to blame and that these types of relationships can make female students targets for both physically and emotionally abusive situations. Bremel believes technology makes it easier to form relationships, but not in the most positive way.

"Technology allows us to go away from face-to-face communication. You can say things in a text or e-mail that you wouldn't say to people's faces. It can remove those emotions," said Bremel.

But there is still hope.

Randy Babineau graduated from Castleton in 2010. While he was here he became the first captain of the college's football team, but he also met his girlfriend, senior Marisse Lorenz.

"We liked each other, so we started hanging out more. Our first date was sandwiches and a hike to this lookout spot, except we got yelled at because it was private property," he said.

Despite a first date failure, Babineau and Lorenz have been together for three years and they still go out on "real" dates.

Whether you prefer a hook up or are too afraid to have the relationship talk with the guy you're hanging out with, there are clearly benefits to risking rejection and forming a relationship rather than risking your mental and physical health for a one night stand or long term "cuddle buddy," according to studies like the one conducted in 2001 by the Independent Women's Forum titled "Hooking up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right: College Women on Dating and Mating Today."

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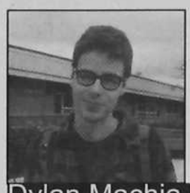


Dylan Machia

"I went as a box of cereal one year, I think it was Captain Crunch."

Dan Bell

"Last year I was a guy riding a blow up ostrich."

Logan White

"I was a beer keg, not gonna lie."

Molly DeMellier

"I was Thing 1 and Thing 2 with my sister."

Dani Crawford

"I was cat dog last year."

College to renovate Huden

Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Huden Dining Hall is a frequent source of irritation for students, as anyone who has gone in there during lunchtime knows. You just want to find a place to sit and eat without waiting 10 minutes to find an open table, yet sometimes it's tough.

In addition to the seating issues, students talk about the food and even the building itself.

"[Huden needs] more seating, maybe some outdoor area, or a second floor to the building," said Castleton student Ethan Garhartt.

Student Scott Bova said that while he isn't sure the dining hall needs more seating, he too said it certainly should be renovated to be more visually appealing.

Luckily for students, Castleton President Dave Wolk said help is likely on the way.

Plans to renovate Huden are based on "the need to improve aesthetics of current and future space and to provide a very enjoyable dining experience for our students and guests," Wolk said in an interview last week.

The renovation is also designated to deal with the issue of seating at breakfast, he said. Open seats in Fireside Café and the upper seating area are both decreasing.

"I'd think will have to address that problem too," said Wolk.

Regarding complaints about food, as previously reported in The Spartan, the college is in the process of determining who will provide food to students in the future. Aramark currently has the food service contract.

"At the same time we're looking to renovate Huden, we're going through a bidding process for a new dining services contract," said Wolk.

Students told of plans to upgrade dining at Huden seemed psyched.

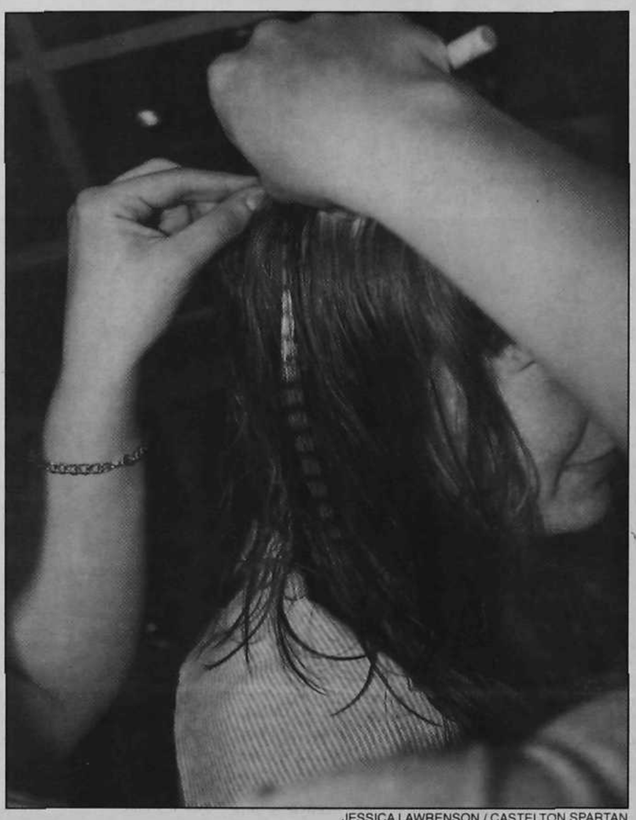
"I think [renovating Huden] is a great idea, because as it is, Huden is overcrowded a good percentage of the time I'm there, especially lunch time," said Castleton student Joe Seeger.

Wolk said college officials don't have a new design yet, but that specifications are being created to be sent to interested venders.

Like all other building projects on campus, the renovation process of Huden will take time, and there is no actual timeline for when it will start, Wolk said.

"The hope is that if we could do the work next summer, we'd have a share of it ready for the fall," said Wolk.

Feather trend angering anglers



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Alyson Wheeler has a feather attached to her hair to help Alternative Spring Break.

Jill Bassett
Castleton Spartan

A new fashion trend has fishermen around the country pretty angry.

Feathers used by fly fishermen as lures are the same feathers being used these days by girls and women for hair extensions.

"The fashion trend is driving up the prices of the feathers," said Whitehall, N.Y. fisherman Dave Belden.

"I'm 57 years old and the price just keeps getting higher for feathers. These do-hickeys shouldn't be used for hair and should remain in the hands of the fishermen who they were made for."

The use of the hair extensions or "add-in feathers" as they are called, is becoming more and more common around the world and even in the small town of Castleton.

Castleton's Alternative Spring break Jamaica program had a fund-raiser on Sept. 29 where they sold hair feathers two for $20.

Two girls went to the fund-raiser and planned to get feathers until they realized the price.

"I'm not getting them anymore. They are way too expensive," said Shannon Berkley.

The Castleton hair salon is also advertising hair feathers with a big sign right out front.

Castleton students like Juliana Dorsey, who got a feather put in her hair at the fund-raiser, disagreed with Belden that the feathers should be reserved for fishermen.

"I don't really care about them. I don't fish and they look really cute in my hair," Dorsey said.

Other students said they didn't really realize the scarcity of feathers, but they still were interested in getting them.

But why aren't there enough feathers for both fashion and fishermen?

In a recent article about these feathers, it was explained that these feathers come from genetically engineered chickens that are bred specifically to grow extremely long feathers, known as hackles, for the fly-fishing industry.

The plumes, which are dyed a variety of colors, are used in flies to help imitate the insects that fish eat.

The feathers are sold on the chicken's skin by either the saddle (back of the chicken) or cape (neck) and can have up to 300 feathers on it, or in smaller packages of six to 12 feathers.

A saddle would normally last a fly fisherman decades, but hairdressers can go through multiple saddles in one weekend.

A typical hair extension uses five hackles in various colors.

But only a handful of farms produce the specialized chickens, which are grown in cold climates and can only be harvested one time a year, in February.

With the extra demand coming from the fashion world, the farms have not been able to keep up.

The scarcity has been driving up the prices a Saddle from about $35 to $125 before the fashion craze to up to $1,000 on eBay.

Students benefit from local's good deed

Courtney Bates
Spartan Contributor

To Castleton resident Judy Boss, there is nothing more important than giving to those in need. In fact, she's so passionate about giving back and is involved in so many volunteering projects, she has a hard time keeping track of all of them.

So, when asked about her project for the troops that won her recognition from the New England Patriots, she had to take a minute to remember which volunteering project it was.

"I do a lot of volunteering," she said as she finally recalled that it was the helmet liners for the troops she made that earned her some credit for the time she devotes to others.

She had read an article in the Rutland Herald one day about making liners for helmets of troops who are currently on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. She was angry that the government wasn't providing the soldiers with these liners, and although she had no idea how to go about such a project, she was determined to figure it out.

So, she went online, found a pattern, and then received donations from American Legion Auxiliary, Lions Club and various organizations around town. Not only did she make sure these wool liners would be comfortable for the troops, but also they would keep the troops warm, and wouldn't cling to their face in a fire.

Boss's efforts did not go unnoticed. JoAnne Riley, of the Castleton Community Center, took notice and nominated Boss for the New England Patriots Community MVP Award, which honors "individuals who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism, according to the New England Patriots official Web site.

Sixteen New Englanders received the award, but Boss was the only Vermonter. She received not only a beautiful trophy, but also a $2,500 grant that was awarded to the Castleton Community Center and also two tickets to a Patriots game.

Boss could have kept the tickets for herself, but after talking with Castleton

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Theater grad returns to direct Shakespeare

By: Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Having an agent, living in New York City and having a master's degree in fine arts would seem like every theater student's dream. For 2006 Castleton State College graduate Lauren Anne Martin, it came true.

But now Martin finds herself back home at Castleton.

Armed with her MFA in Shakespeare from the University of Alabama, Martin is back on campus to direct the upcoming production of Shakespeare's 'A Winters Tale.'

Theater professor Harry McEnerny brings in a different director every year so students get different perspectives.

"I decided it was time to do Shakespeare," McEnerny said. "I called her to see if she wanted to direct something ... she seemed like the perfect person."

Martin said she loves all theater and didn't decide on a MFA concentration until she attended a mass audition for the University/Resident Theatre Association. She was one of eight accepted out of thousands who auditioned.

When she got the call from Castleton, she said she accepted it right away. Coming back to Castleton was an easy move for her because of Castleton's family atmosphere.

"A lot hasn't changed," said Martin. "Coming back here is natural."

The students say they enjoy having her back here and are having fun working with her. While waiting for rehearsal, a few students from the play raved about Martin.

"She knows Shakespeare like the back of her hand," said cast member Austyn Bevins.

Amberly Soto chuckled as she recalled her first lunch meeting with Martin. Martin was joking about starting rumors about how horrible the auditions were going to be and how hard she would be to work with.

With only about a month of rehearsal from auditions to opening night, the students say they do a lot of work with her to prepare for their show. Martin meets with students outside of their four-hour rehearsals for tutorials so they have a better understanding of their roles.

"We have been dissecting the script," Martin said.

McEnerny said Martin is great for the students – and not just for offering another perspective.

"She is a great work ethic example. She's specific on what they need to bring and expects work to be done outside of rehearsals" said McEnerny.

After the play is over Martin will be going back to New York to audition for roles of her own, but until then everyone gets to enjoy having her around, McEnerny.

"We're really excited she's here," McEnerny said.

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Lauren Anne Martin directs a practice for A Winter's Tale.

IanJ takes the stage at CSC

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Rapper IanJ performs at Castleton State College.

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

Who is IanJ?

That was the question many Castleton students had when they heard that the Louisville rapper was coming to perform, but by the end of the night, everyone knew the answer.

Packs of students slowly entered the Fine Arts Center and took their seats. The words IANJ pulsated against the black walls and the DJ booth in the middle of the stage was flooded with pink lighting. DJ BENNO took the stage to get the crowd ready for the main attraction of the night.

"I know there aren't a lot of you, but get out of your seats!" he said.

The crowd rushed the front of the stage and 15 minutes later it was time.

When IanJ came out, the first thing students noticed was the 17-year-olds charming good looks and how he embraced the stage in his blue striped shirt, skinny jeans, and worn out white sneakers.

The concert, which took place on Oct. 1, was only open to Castleton students and featured the rapper, whose full name is Ian Johnson, performing songs from his mixtapes Summer Lights and Pop Culture.

The performance drew fans, as well as students who had never heard the rapper before.

"I listen to one of his songs before every soccer game," said Junior Zac Conlogue, who plays midfield for Castleton.

Senior Sarah Dempsey had never heard of IanJ before the concert, but was impressed. The only thing that brought down the night was the small number of students who attended.

"I think it was because there was so few people. I feel like it was a high school dance, not a concert. He was good though. He's cute....for 17," said Dempsey.

The Student Government Association was pleased with the performance, but noted that the low outcome impacted the night.

"Weather was definitely a part of it. He wasn't really well known. Despite the promoting we did, I feel like it didn't really reach students," said SGA member Jess Lawrenson.

But even with a crowd of roughly 60 people, the rapper still felt the show was rewarding.

"It was a small crowd, but it's good to be surrounded by true people who really like the music," said IanJ.

IanJ emerged as an artist while still in high school, flying to Chicago on the weekends to record. He began rapping during his club soccer days where the team would "be on long bus rides and everywhere we'd go I would freestyle."

Students witnessed the talent of the rapper during an encore freestyle performance.

"His freestyle is dirty. I love it," said SGA member Kristina Sundin- Maheral backstage.

The rapper sampled beats on his debut mixtape, causing many wonder where he gets inspiration.

"My favorite song is one from hip-hop. "Hey Ma" by Cam-Ron. It's old but good. It's the coolest, catchiest song," he said.

But his favorite artist is one that many may not suspect.

"Adele is my favorite artist right now. She's amazing and I listen to her all the time," said IanJ.

His manager, Kris Linney, gave a glance.

"Adele?" he said.

"Why you laughing at that? She's amazing... her and Big Sean." The rapper paused, smiling, "Don't tell me who my favorite is!"

The show lasted close to an hour and IanJ knew he had big shoes to fill coming to Castleton after Sammy Adam's performance.

"I heard he was here last year... But he had a little bit of a bigger crowd than I did, right?" His mouth slowly curled into a smile, "I know... that was a joke on my part."

IanJ is a white rapper, but he wants fans to know that that's one of the only similarities between Adams and himself.

"I don't like to compare myself to Sammy Adams. I mean, he's a great artist. But our content and lifestyles are a whole lot different. Hopefully my new music is going to show that. I don't want to compare myself to Mac Miller or Sammy Adams or anyone," said IanJ.

Game Review: Battlefield 3 Beta ★★★★

Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

Since I couldn't grab a copy of RAGE in time to review, I'm going with the next best thing: Battlefield 3 open beta.

Of course I can't read too far into a beta, but I got some impressions. The game is going for stunning presentation, which it does well. Playing this game while wearing Sennheisers is probably the best thing you'll hear in gaming to date. The environments look spectacular as well, but the problem is the player models still look goofy when they ragdoll, or even just move around. They seem a generation behind the landscape models.

The gameplay was fun even though we were only offered one mode, and the gun customization reaches a perfect medium between the "too much" of Black Ops and the "not enough" of Call of Duty 4. You can change almost any gun between full-auto and single shot, and you can take the optics off of any gun (including snipers) to give just about every player the choice of exactly what they want. I was very impressed in that area.

The thing I still don't like about Battlefield is the class system. The fact that only certain classes can use certain guns (except the shotgun I unlocked which was available to every class) still irks me and limits the accessibility of the game.

Though the limited look-in had bugs-a-plenty, I was still left with a generally good impression. It's not about to come out and kill Modern Warfare 3, but it made me think about picking the game up at some point, which is more than can be said for the last 2 installments.

We'll see what happens when the full game drops on October 25.

Movie Review: Real Steel ★★★★

Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

As if robots haven't been in the cinema enough with the Transformers movies, now we have a new type just as that trilogy has fizzled out: boxing robots.

Real Steel is set in the near future in a world that isn't much different from our own, except that humans have been replaced by robots in the world of boxing. This allows for more brutal carnage in fights, and who doesn't love that?

I'm gonna get the negatives out of the way fast just because this movie deserves that. The story is predictable; you'll know exactly where this tale of father/son reconciliation is going as soon as you pick up on the fact it's there.

Now for the good: The story is perfect for the movie. Make it deeper and you take the focus off the fighting robots which are, let's face it, the reason people want to see it. Make it a shallower tale of Fast and Furious except with robots instead of cars and it just would be gratuitous. The formula used allows the perfect balance of caring about characters, but not too much.

The story may be only half decent, but the special effects are gorgeous. The movie travels everywhere from a Texas fair to the "New York Arena" (aka futuristic Madison Square Garden), and everything looks beautiful. The fights towards the end are especially epic, and you'll find yourself on the edge of your seat throughout them.

This is one that you have to see in theaters. The sound and visuals are too good not to see in the full experience, and the two-hour runtime won't leave you bored. Check this out on the big screen before you miss your chance.

Music Review: Evanescence ★★★★

Nick Minarik
Castleton Spartan

It's been a while since we've heard anything from those gothic rockers Evanescence, but they're back in good form with their self-titled album. Basically, if you like Evanescence you'll like this album.

Amy Lee's voice continues to be top notch, and is still the main draw to this dark rock/metal fusion. The entire album holds a pretty steady pace, not deviating much from the classic driving almost-metal that the band has built their career on. Lee's piano skills make an occasional appearance, which helps to switch things up.

"Lost in Paradise" showcases the most artistic talent of any song on the album; it reminds me of "My Immortal" at first, but then picks up much like Avenged Sevenfold's "Seize the Day." This band clearly knows how to balance power and feeling, which makes me wonder why they don't do it more often.

The only complete departure from everything we know about Evanescence comes in the last song "Swimming Home," which is my favorite on the album. It's like nothing else you've heard by them, and its completely unique feel is refreshing after listening to 11 songs of straight gothic rock.

Aside from that song, the album is exactly as the title says: Evanescence. They tell you what it is and you'll get what you expect, and those two changeups upgrade the album from just a solid return to a possible fan-favorite. You won't get any new hits like "Going Under" from this one, but you'll get enough fresh material that you won't care.

Pub night returns to Huden

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Two Castleton professors perform at Pub night.

Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

Birthday cake, great music and a bar, how much better can it get? On Oct. 5 the Third Place group hosted their weekly pub night event to showcase Castleton talent. Students and faculty participated in the event which lasted four hours and was a huge success.

Jon White, one of the main organizers of pub night events, checked ID's at the door. Underage students received an orange wrist band and of age students received a white one. The event brought in more underage students then of age students, which really proved that pub night is not about drinking.

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Mark looking forward to retirement

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Who will succeed Dean Mark? The decision is ultimately up to President Dave Wolk, but Mark is quick to place few expectations on his successor.

"My hope is that they enjoy this job as much as I have. But I think it's wrong for an individual who's departing to place expectations on his or her successor," he said.

Mark hopes that the college will continue to thrive and cater to students, modern knowledge and civic engagement. He believes that the school still has improvements to make and that, "...most students need, or will benefit more from, engaging pedagogies and approaches to designing courses and classroom experiences that really force students to participate, to do the work of the discipline, not just listen to people talk about the work of the discipline," he said.

Beyond Mark's contributions and hopes for this institution, there is simply Joe. Familiar to many by his various and always colorful bowties and often brilliantly tinted pants, his academic achievements here are not the essence of his presence.

"Joe is Castleton. He sleeps, eats, and breathes Castleton. He is, in reality, Mr. Castleton," raves administrative assistant, Rita Geno. "He'll be impossible to replace, he's too knowledgeable. He will be sincerely missed."

Wolk echoed Geno. "I've known Joe in many capacities over the years and it would be unfair to name any of his achievements as the best. If I mention one, I have to leave something out," Wolk said.

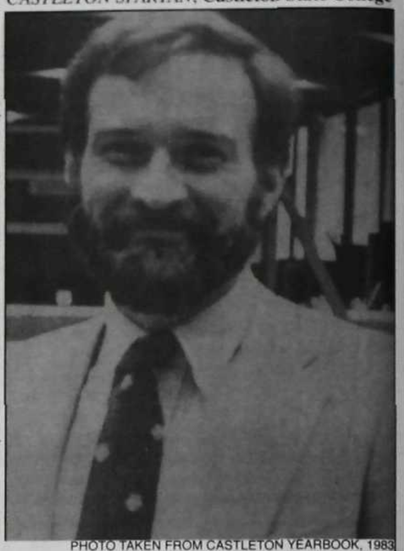
He said Mark has been essential to the development of this school and that, though we will continue as a college, he will be greatly missed not only for his achievements here, but for his vast knowledge and appreciation for Castleton State College history and traditions.

"He has been essential and excellent in the academic leadership of this college over the last three decades," boasts Wolk.

As far as retirement, Mark says he'll be happy to just be retired.

"I've been working probably an average of 60 hours a week for a long, long, time. In a way I wish I could just have that time back. I'm most looking forward to reading during daytime hours. I would like to take some courses, learn how to speak Spanish and indulge in things like biking, building, and kayaking."

His wife, Nancy, is scheduled to retire on approximately the same day and Mark looks forward to more time with her, perhaps traveling, if it's in the budget.



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Joe Mark in 1983.

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A CSC student snaps a photo on their smart phone of the QR codes.

Quick responses on phones

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Career Development isn't the only entity on campus using this technology.

The Wellness Center also has newsletters that have QR codes.

"We use them to connect to our Facebook, activities, and schedule," said Barbara McCall, Campus Wellness Education coordinator who also uses them because, like Carruthers, she says they're fun.

Another attraction of the codes for McCall is their environmentally friendly attribute – they use less paper and save space while causing instantaneous access to information.

Local businesses are also jumping in on this new way of sharing information.

Junior Chelsea Wilberg stumbled upon a QR code while at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland with her father.

"He scanned it because we were curious," she said.

The Paramount Theatre has been using these codes for nearly three months on items like brochures and posters where space is limited. Recently their Web site hits have increased, though officials said it can't be certain what is specifically causing the increase.

"It's pretty cool that I can put a one-inch-by-one inch box and get a response," said Eric Mallette, programming director at the Paramount Theatre.

NEASC to arrive next month

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They are a committee comprised of people from New England representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

They are here to determine if CSC is worthy of accreditation.

Colleges must be re-accredited at least every ten years, and 2011 marks the year for a visit from the review team.

For the past two years, Castleton faculty, staff and students have been evaluating themselves based on 11 very specific standards of accreditation. The process began in fall of 2009, when 11 committees were formed.

Each committee had one administrator, a couple faculty and staff members and at least one student. They were assigned to evaluate the school based on their assigned standard and concluded with a 100-page report detailing Castleton's results.

Without accreditation, Mark said, colleges and therefore students, are ineligible to receive any federal financial aid including Pell-grants and Stafford loans, Mark said.

And with 80 percent of students at Castleton receiving federal aid, this is a pretty big deal, he said.

He said starting on Nov. 6, Castleton will be evaluated on "the accuracy and thoroughness of our self-study" determining "how well Castleton measures up against CIHE's 11 Standards."

"It's all about the standards, initially, and then the self study project, and then this visit," said Mark.

Professor John Kimmel helped co-chair the evaluation for the second time. He said he is very pleased with the way this study went compared to the last one and said there may only be minor concerns that the team might have.

"They are always going to be interested in assessment, as in giving the students what they need. I think we are doing a good job with that, but they are always going to want more — which they should," said Kimmel.

Additionally, he mentioned the team may be interested in the debt that the school has accumulated due to the new stadium and buildings, and the enrollment of out of state students. He noted however that the school is already addressing these issues and working to fix them.

"They will have concerns, but they are not necessarily negative, and we know about them," he said.

After the team's visit, members will produce their own report, and team leader and MCLA President Grant will send back another report.

It is not until the report has been sent to the commission, essentially a bunch of citizens in higher education in New England, that college officials can comment on the report in a document called the "rejoinder"

The commission will then, for the final step, read everything in the self-report, the actual report and the rejoinder -- and make the decision.

"What I expect they will say is "we are pleased to inform you that you have been reaccredited--- and here are some conclusions we have made," said Mark.

While both Kimmel and Mark are optimistic, they said it is still important that students are aware of what is going on. After all, their federal aid does depend on a positive outcome of this process, they said.

Asked what students should be most aware of regarding the re-accreditation process, Mark said "Two things: That it is happening, and that it is important. Because it really does fundamentally affect their lives... we need it to continue receiving financial aid."

Fewer drinkers at Pub Night

WYATT ALOISIO/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Students sit and listen to musicians play at Pub Night.

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"Even though there's not much alcohol being sold, pub night is a great idea," said Jim Stuart, the bartender of the event and catering manager here at Castleton.

First to play was Keith Haley on bass and Jaren Carpenter singing as well as playing guitar.

"I've been playing music all my life but this was my first time playing a Pub Night," said Carpenter.

Carpenter also said this was the most people he's ever performed in front of and he was pleased with the turnout.

Other performers included Professors Philip Lamy and Brendan Lalor, and students Jordan Cottrell and Connor O'Brien, who all said they enjoyed the event and were ecstatic about the attendance.

"There was a lot of people here tonight, it was packed, people I've never seen before. For the first pub night, the turnout was excellent. It made me so happy to see that everyone enjoyed it," said Jordan Cottrell.

The faculty was elated with the overall experience as well.

"I thought it was really great. Jonathan was definitely getting people involved and trying to promote other involvement. It was a great kick off and exceeded the number of people needed for an event like this," said philosophy professor, Brendan Lalor.

To make the night even better, Jordan Cottrell celebrated his 20th birthday at the event. His friends made a Rasta colored cake and had the entire audience sing happy birthday. After they sung they proceeded to hand out slices of cake to all the attendee's.

"It was spectacular. It was awesome, words cannot say. It definitely caught me off guard. I was expecting something but so many intricate details were played out," said Jordan Cottrell when questioned about his birthday surprise.

His younger brother who was a first timer at pub night also enjoyed the festivities as well as the overall event.

"I think it was awesome. It was a great first experience. I got to see my brother play for the first time in front of a large crowd. I'll definitely come back," said Tyler Cottrell.

Comment cards were handed out during the event so students could voice their opinions. The cards read "it's your campus, your choice. We want to know what you would like to see, featured bands, dance parties, poetry slams, open mic nights, or other."

After reviewing the comments, White said that most people checked off that they wanted open mic nights and dance parties.

Everyone enjoyed their time at the event and the organizers were really happy that everything went better than expected, a total success.

To end the night properly student Ben Carstens said in a fake English accent, "it was a great night, an electrifying atmosphere."

Students get Pats tickets

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Castleton resident Judy Boss poses with helmet liner.

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State College Academic Dean Joe Mark, she offered the tickets to him and he decided the tickets should go to two students who devote themselves to volunteering.

"When I considered that Judy received the tickets because of her extraordinary service contributions, it only seemed fitting that the tickets be given to two students who had distinguished themselves by their service contributions," Mark said.

Boss said she realized she could have kept the tickets, but not only is she partially handicapped, "my husband is a Steelers fan," she joked. Boss said she would rather see the tickets go to the students.

"I think it's a further indication of Judy's generosity that she would want to offer these tickets to me so that two Castleton students, who perhaps wouldn't normally be able to get to see a Patriot's game, could have the exciting opportunity," Mark said.

With help from service learning leaders Jan Rousse and Crispin White, Mark decided the tickets should go to Meg St. John and Alex Davis for organizing Alternative Spring Break last year.

The privilege to go to the Patriots game was the opportunity of a lifetime for the students.

"I was so excited! It felt like such an honor to represent Judy!" said St. John, who has never met Boss, but is hopeful they will meet one day through volunteering.

The game, which took place on Sept. 25, may have been a 34- 31 loss for the Patriots, but it was still a great experience for the students, who are also close friends.

"I had so much fun. I wore all my Pats gear. I even have Tom Brady earrings" said St. John. "This was my second time seeing them play, but my first at Gillette Stadium."

When Boss learned that the two students selected were also devoted volunteers, she was beyond pleased.

"I just feel like I need to pay it forward, or pay it back," Boss said. "There is just such a true need out there for so many different things. But my husband thinks I'm just a good samaritan."

FH undefeated in the NAC

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The field hockey team remains undefeated in the North Atlantic Conference as the Spartans defeated the University of Maine at Farmington 4-2 on Oct.15 at Prescott Field.

Rachel Preusser kicked things off for the Spartans, scoring 6:41 into the contest. At the 20-minute mark Pinkham converted a Mercedes Maltbie assist to give Castleton the 2-0 lead.

Lily Barry answered for Farmington with five minutes remaining in the first half, scoring off a penalty corner from Kaitlin Bullen, making it 2-1 at the intermission.

In the second half, Castleton came out strong. Just four minutes into the half Kealy Chipman scored off a long pass from Caitlin Briggs. Shortly after, Pinkham knocked in an insurance tally, converting on a Presseur penalty corner to push the lead to 4-1.

With four minutes left in regulation, Chelsea Morley knocked in her first collegiate goal to make it 4-2, but it wasn't enough for the Beavers.

Farmington held a shot advantage on the Spartans at 15-8 and a 15-12 edge in penalty corners. Bridget Dusha made seven saves, and Curran Brierley made four saves in the loss.

The Spartans continued their winning streak Sunday, defeating Thomas 3-2 in overtime. The Spartans were trailing 2-0 at one point in the contest, but they came back for the win.

"We are really excited," said head coach Tammy Landon when referring to the back-to-back wins. "We stuck with it. These are two big wins for us," she said.

Landon also mentioned how impressive it was for her team to win both games because each match was played on grass, whereas Castleton is used to playing on turf.

With the season winding down, the Spartans will face their arch rivals St. Joseph's this weekend, the only other undefeated team in the conference, but Castleton has to get through Simmons College first.

"They [Simmons] are a much stronger team then their record indicates," Landon said. "We are focusing on one conference game at a time."

Castleton improves to 8-7, while remaining a perfect 6-0 in the NAC. The Spartans will travel to Simmons on Oct. 19 and will host St. Joseph's on Saturday, Oct. 22.

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Above: Sophmore Stephanie Bull dribbles past MMA defense. Below: Stephanie Bull and Hannah Corkum exchange high fives after Bull's goal.

Women's soccer takes another win

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The women's soccer team kept its perfect record in the Northern Atlantic Conference, beating conference rivals Husson and Maine Maritime in back-to-back battles at home this past weekend.

Courtney Chadburn gained the title of all-time leading scorer in Castleton history against Husson, scoring the Spartans first goal of the game in the 32nd minute, getting her record breaking 80 career goal after a long pass by teammate MacKenzie Gage.

The Spartans quickly put pressure on Husson, resulting in three corner kicks just three minutes into play. This gave Castleton's Hillary Cooke the scoring opportunity she was looking for, giving the Spartans the 2-0 lead.

Husson finally got on the board with just 32 minutes remaining as Alexandra Laniewski scored her fourth of the season to bring the score to 2-1 when the Husson player was awarded a penalty kick and scored on the rebound to beat Castleton's Ericka Davis.

Cooke scored again giving the Spartans the 3-1 lead in the 62nd minute of the game as she shot the ball right past Husson goalkeeper Jessica Poulin.

The following day, Castleton defeated conference foes Maine Maritime by a whopping score of 7-0. This game improved the team's perfect score in the conference to 7-0, with a 12-4 record overall.

In just the first three minutes of play, Chadburn sored the first goal on a penalty kick after a handball in the box, giving the Spartans the lead. Shortly thereafter, Castleton senior Brynn Campbell scored just outside the 18-yard box with an assist from Chadburn, giving the Spartans the quick 2-0 lead.

This helped Chadburn come that much closer to another milestone, as she is now just two points away from being the first player in Castleton history with 200 career points.

Castleton freshman Jenna Bostwick also scored a pair of goals for the Spartans, her first in the 13th minute with assist from Sarah Ethier. Kayla Rogers also finished off the half scoring from a cross by Stephanie Bull to give the Spartans a 4-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Castleton's Cooke scored a goal inside the box, set up by Bostwick. Bostwick then scored her second of the game, assisted by Ethier in the 67th minute.

Bull finished up the game by scoring her first goal as a Castleton player off a chip pass by teammate Hannah Corkum.

Castleton goalkeeper Katja Langmaid didn't see much action in this game, getting the easy shutout making only two saves to give the Spartans the win.

In the last 24 regular season conference games, the Spartans have outscored their opponents 99-2, and are unbeaten in those last 24 games.

The Spartans host another conference game against Johnson State on Wednesday at 4 p.m., making this their final home game of the regular season.

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Women's tennis proudly displays NEAC plaque

Women's tennis brings home NEAC championship

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

The women's tennis team ended a very successful season this past Sunday. They swept Johnson State College in the semi-finals and defeated Colby-Sawyer in the North Eastern Atlantic Conference championship in New London N.H.

The semifinal tournament that started at 10 a.m. at Kelsey Courts went much like the rest of the lady Spartan's season as they dominated the competition.

"The team is so unique in that they focus so intently on game day. Determination describes this team," said head coach Rob Purdy. "We go into every match thinking we can and should win. They are literally fearless."

The finals started at 2 p.m., and it was a tough tournament for the Spartans. Cold weather and wind made for bad playing conditions, but that didn't stop the Spartans from coming out on top.

The tournament started with doubles matches where the Spartans came out with an early lead having two wins and one loss. Chelsea Crehan and Brittni Racine beat Ellen Gaham and Siobhan Masse 8-0, Olga McIntyre and Felicia West beat Kathleen Rogers and Ari Marks 8-6. Then Kate Bucci and Michelle Podnecky were defeated by Liz Lincoln and Claire Toffey 8-2.

In singles Crehan and Racine won the fifth and third flights, giving Castleton a 4-3 lead. Castleton's powerhouse, Podnecky, was defeated by Lincoln, tying the matchup at 4-4.

It was all up to Bucci to bring Castleton the title.

Bucci was matched up against Claire Toffey, who won the first set 5-7. Bucci came back and won the second set 7-6. The final set had to be moved indoors as the sun went down and four hours of play could not determine a champion.

Bucci won the final set and match 7-5, earning the title of MVP and crowning the Castleton woman's tennis team the NEAC division championship.

"They had to work hard and earn it this year," Purdy said. "I think for everyone that's lot more satisfying."

Spartan golf finishes 3rd in NAC

ENNIS DULING

Dominick Maniery tees off during practice.

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The Spartan golf team had a great showing on Oct. 8 and 9 during the North Atlantic Conference championships, finishing in third place.

The Spartans were led by freshman sensation Bryan Fitzgerald, who made the first team all-conference with a sixth place showing at the two-day event. He shot a very impressive 152 and also received the rookie of the year honors for the conference.

Also leading the charge for the Spartans was senior Cam Wood who shot a 157 for the tournament, which was good enough for 10th place.

Other contributors to Castleton's great showing were senior Will Banfield, who shot a respectable 163 good enough to tie for 14th place, freshman Dan Hogan, who shot a 167, earned a tie for 18th place, and senior Dom Maniery, who shot a 171, tying for 20th place.

"Team did excellent, worked hard," head coach Bill Bowes said. "We just came up a little bit short."

The Spartans, who came in third to Husson and Salem State, who shot 600 and 601 as teams respectively, shot a 635 as a team. This proved to be a tremendous improvement, considering only two weeks prior, Salem State defeated them by 75 strokes at the Williams invitational.

"We were able to close the gap considerably against Salem," Bowes said. "Compared to when we golfed against them at Williams."

With only one match left on their schedule, the Spartans' season is coming to a close. Bowes said he is excited about the future of the team.

"If we continue to get players every year and improve" Bowes said, "we can become a very good team in the future."

The Spartans' next and final match is the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association championships set to take place in Brewster, Mass. at the Captain's golf course. The team is looking to end their season on a good note with a solid performance like they had at the NAC championship.

"I am very happy how the team performed and how they represented themselves and Castleton State College."

Spartans clip Eagles' wings

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

With the wind whipping past them, rain beating down on their faces, and just 45 seconds left in regulation, the members of the Castleton men's soccer team watched with anticipation.

As the ball rushed toward the far post, Dameon Young hustled toward the net and redirected the ball with his head, sending it past Husson's diving keeper.

Young took off, leading a group of Spartans to midfield, where he was tackled by his teammates in celebration.

"When I saw the ball hit the side netting, my first thought was that I missed, but then I see the net caught the ball on the inside, and I was shocked."

"I really couldn't believe that, out of all the people, I put the ball in the back of the net because I'm one of the smallest guys on the pitch," Young said.

Castleton played tough defense for the final 45 seconds, ensuring the 1-0 victory and breaking the spirit of its top North Atlantic Conference foe.

"It's a huge win for us," head coach John Werner said. "I don't want to be too stoic. I want to celebrate it for what it is, and that's a big win. But boy that was a long 48 seconds," he said with a laugh.

Young agreed with his coach about the victory.

"It is a huge win for us," he said. " It put us at the top of the tables in the NAC, and it sent a message to the other teams in the conference."

The Spartans and Eagles played a very evenly matched and aggressive game for the entire 90 minutes, which impressed Werner.

"I thought the guys played well," Werner said. "I thought we kicked the ball around well. To win it late like that, though, I just thought we played real well."

The only downfall in the Eagles' game was that they were overly aggressive.

Husson was called for 18 fouls during the game, including two yellow cards, compared to Castleton's 12 fouls.

The last foul of the game came with 48 seconds left, and it resulted in a yellow card for Husson's Greg Dawson and the free kick that led to the game-winning touch by Young.

Young has quietly become a force to be reckoned with for Castleton. The freshman has four goals and six assists on the season, and he is trailing only the team's leading scorer, Trevor Kotrady, who has 10 goals.

"[Dameon] is a great little player," Werner said. "Sometimes we forget he's only a freshman because he is just kind of this little general out there at times where he plays. He had been great early, then had a few nicks, but today I thought he played like he was playing earlier and played very well for us."

JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Above: Spencer Dandurand (in white) charges Husson's keeper.
Below: Spartans celebrate after scoring a goal with 45 seconds left in regulation.

Nate Koenemann had seven saves in the win and played so well that Werner referred to him as "the man of the match."

"He just was very steady in goal," Werner said. " We knew about their long [flip] throw, and we knew that was going to be a factor in the game. We thought he did real well with it. And the back four were great with helping him today."

Werner was also quick to praise other members of the team for their performances.

"Tanner [LeCuyer] had a good game, and [Zac] Conlogue played a good game too," Werner said. "[Jacob] Ferry, our captain, has been sick and he ran out of gas, so Zac came in for him, and we thought [Ferry] would go back in, but Zac played so well."

Young also praised the team.

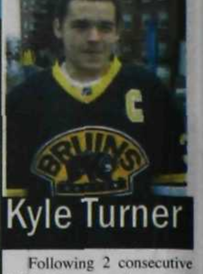
"It was the team effort that won the goal not the individual goals," he said.

Castleton's second game of the weekend, against NAC opponent Maine Maritime, was also a nail-biter, ending in a 1-1 tie after two overtimes. With Castleton's tie, the team moves to 8-5-2 overall and 5-1-1 in the NAC, giving the team second place in the conference standings.

Husson's 2-0 win over Green Mountain on Oct. 16 moves them into first place in the NAC with a 6-1 record.

Castleton will host NAC opponent Johnson State on Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. before finishing the regular season with a NAC game at Colby-Sawyer on Oct. 25.

Sports talk



Kyle Turner

Following 2 consecutive ECFC losses to the defending conference champions, SUNY-Maritime, and then at home to Norwich, the Spartan football team rebounded with a big 56-28 win on the road against the Becker Hawks at Alumni Field on Saturday, Oct. 15. It was tied at 28 until midway through the third quarter when the Spartans scored 28 unanswered points against the Hawks, including three touchdowns from junior running back Tyler Carpenter. Carpenter ran for 171 yards with a career-high four rushing TD's, and he also caught one, leading the Spartans to victory as they improve to 2-4 overall with a 2-2 record in the ECFC. The Spartans next game is at Anna Maria on Saturday, Oct. 22, and their next home game is on Saturday, Oct. 29 against Gallaudet.

With wins over conference foes, Husson and Maine Maritime, the women's soccer team remains unbeaten in the NAC with a perfect 7-0 record in the conference. Senior forward Courtney Chadburn became the all-time leading scorer in Castleton women's soccer history, scoring her 80th career goal in the 32nd minute against Husson. Senior forward Hilary Cooke added two more goals to give the Spartans a 3-1 victory over Husson. The Spartans also beat Maine Maritime 7-0 over break. Freshman Jenna Bostwick had two goals and an assist in the game, Chadburn added a goal and an assist, bringing her to just two points shy of being the first player in Castleton history with 200 career points. Also during the game against Maine Maritime, sophomore Stephanie Bull scored her first collegiate goal, so congratulate her when you see her.

As for the men's soccer team, they defeated Husson 1-0 on Saturday, Oct. 15. Freshman Dameon Young scored on a diving header with just 45 seconds remaining in the game, giving the Spartans the victory. Dillon Zaengle took a free kick from 22 yards out after a Husson foul. The kick was heading toward the far post where Young was able to head the ball in for his fourth goal of the season. On Sunday, Oct. 16, the Spartans took on another conference foe, Maine Maritime, at Spartan Stadium. The Mariners scored early into the second-half as Benjamin Russell one-timed a header from Nate Tipton past Spartan keeper Nate Koenemann for a 1-0 lead. The Spartans never gave up as they fought hard throughout the entire game. In the 80th minute, Spencer Dandurand was fouled in the box, and the Spartans were awarded a penalty kick. Dameon Young scored on the PK to tie it at one apiece. After two overtimes, the game ended in a tie, bringing the Spartans record to 8-5-2 (5-1-1 in the NAC).

Be sure to tune into Spartan Sports Weekly this Friday as we will be review some of the more recent athletic events for Castleton.

Carpenter leads Spartans in win

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

On Oct. 15 the Castleton football team travelled to Leicester Mass. and won its second Eastern Collegiate Football Conference game of the season against Becker improving its record to 2-2 in conference play and 2-4 overall. The final score was 56-28.

The Spartans got off to a rocky start, allowing Becker's Kyle Gregg to run the opening kickoff back 87 yards for a touchdown.

Castleton, though, would not be behind for the rest of the game.

"At the start they ran it all the way back, but we kept our heads up and pushed through it. We've been there before," said Castleton tight end Anthony Simms.

Quarterback Shane Brozowski connected with Adam Farmer and then with running back Tyler Carpenter in the first quarter to take the lead from Becker.

Carpenter scored four rushing touchdowns, a new career high, and caught a pass in the end zone to make it a total of five touchdowns for the game.

JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Shane Brozowski looks for an open player downfield.

Three of the scores were in the second half, and they went unanswered by Becker.

"We knew it was a big game for us," Carpenter said. "It was close at halftime, and we ran away with it."

Castleton's offense totaled 245 rushing yards and 244 passing yards.

Brozowski went 18-for-36 in the pocket, and Zack Waitkus led receivers with six catches for 80 yards.

It was the defense, though, that really came through for Castleton.

Becker's Luis Sanchez scored with 4:08 left in the third quarter, and it was the last time Castleton's defense allowed them to score for the rest of the game.

Brandon Bergeron intercepted a pass thrown by Gregg in the fourth quarter, leading to yet another Castleton touchdown.

"Our defense had some good fourth down stops and a fumble recovery that got every one pumped." Simms said. "It was close in the first half, but we played well, we executed well, and it came through for us in the end."

The Spartans next take on their rivals the AMCATS at Anna Maria College on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

Volleyball team struggles to stay in the game

By Steve Hagemann
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton State College women's volleyball team had another tough loss to Southern Vermont College at home on Oct. 13, losing in straight sets, keeping them winless for the 2011 season.

During the match, Nicole Valastro led the team in kills with four, while Paige Lacey and Grace Schreiber each had two kills. On the defensive side, Ruth Tomlinson led the team with 11 of the team's 28 digs. Valastro added five digs to her stat column during the match.

One of the big mistakes for the Castleton Spartans in their loss to Southern Vermont was the multiple errors that they recorded. They allowed 28 errors in the match, which would end up hurting Castleton in the long run.

The Castleton women's volleyball team finishes its NAC conference play on Saturday, Oct. 22 with a double header against Colby-Sawyer and Maine-Farmington. Both games will be held in the Glenbrook Gymnasium at 1p.m.

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CSC club heads to Africa

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

"My family and I live in fear every day, and every night."

These were the first words that Grace Nimaro, who grew up in the northern part of Uganda, spoke at the Invisible Children event on Sept. 29, hosted by Student Activists for Africa. She launched into an account of how the Lord's Resistance Army abducted her cousin when they were young.

"I have no idea if he's alive or dead, or his whereabouts," she said, calmly explaining the details of her cousin's abduction.

She also described how she missed school for two weeks due to depression and a lack of funds.

It was because of Invisible Children that she was able to return to school and finish her education. She graduated in February 2011, mere months before she spoke at Castleton.

"I have a bright future before me, all because of Invisible Children," Nimaro said.

Nimaro is only one countless people to receive the help necessary to gain independence through Invisible Children.

More than simply providing financial help, they've also aided the people of Uganda, southern Sudan, and the Democratic republic of Congo by installing warning towers so they are alerted when the LRA is coming.

Rather than becoming actively involved, they're giving the people of Africa the means to defend themselves.

Castleton's Student Activists for Africa club hopes to take on that same role when a select few of them travel to Kenya.

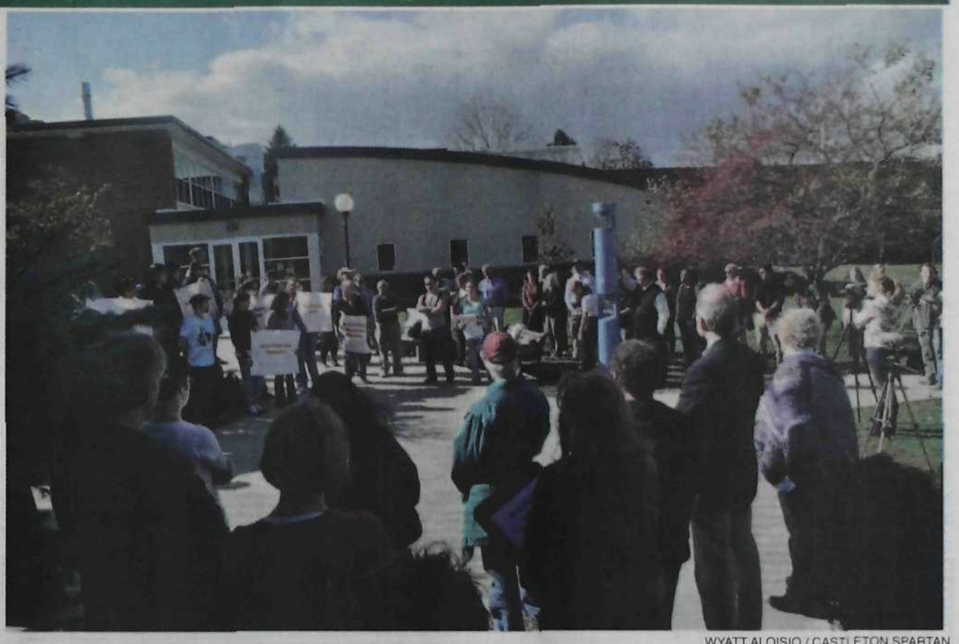
The group plans to aid in the teaching of students, make crafts with children, and help build a boy's center to go along with the girl's center that was built recently.

"We're not just building it. We're going to teach the people there. We'll teach them basic skills like cleaning cuts," SAFA member Brendan Beer said.

"We're planning on teaching rather than intervening," Treasurer Lily Derbyshire said.

Samantha Young, the president of SAFA, traveled to Africa prior to this trip and is very excited about the efforts they're going to be making during their upcoming trip.

"We have a very realistic view of what we're going over there to do. It's something we plan on committing to," Young said.



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Students (below) and faculty rally seeking more financial support from Vermont government.

Govt. officials respond to rally

By Annie Hartman
Castleton Spartan

On Oct. 20, Vermont State College students expressed their outrage and dissatisfaction about the lack of state aid allotted annually to the "public institutions" under the VSC system. Their cries for support have been heard, if not by all, at least by a few.

Though there was no political representation on the Castleton campus last week, Sen., Joe Benning (Caledonia County) was at Lyndon State College to hear what the students had to say. When asked how he felt about the issue, Benning was on student's side.

"I agree that Vermont needs to provide more aid for students, and I have been and will continue to be working in the legislature to do just that," Benning said.

Benning is the clerk on the Vermont State Institutions Committee, a Senate committee that has already fought for a reserved a portion of the annual state budget specifically for Vermont education.

"My job this year will be to make sure that money stays in the budget instead of going to Irene [efforts]," said Benning.

Rutland County Sen. Bill Carris was out of town for the rallies, but when informed of them agreed with students

"I am certainly with you," Carris said.

Among the senators reached for comment, there was an abundance of support for the issue.

"Education is still the answer," said Sen. Harold Giard. "My family all went on to college, and at a much lower cost than you folks are going for today!"

While Giard agrees the state should support the state colleges more, he also believes the colleges need to reevaluate the way they operate.

"I would challenge the Vermont State Colleges to think about this: can we do things differently?" asked Giard. He questions how efficiently the VSC system runs and how efficiently its students are educated. Currently the students at any of the VSC schools are given a week long break every five weeks throughout the semester.

"Would more class days be more efficient?" he asked. "Maybe without those [vacations] in thefour

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Rallying for help

By Annie Hartman
Castleton Spartan

Nestled in our tiny state of Vermont are five colleges dubbed the Vermont State College system made up of the Community College of Vermont, Johnson State, Lyndon State, Vermont Technical College and Castleton State.

Though these schools are considered public institutions, the amount of state funding allocated to the VSC system has decreased so much in recent years that some question whether they should still be called state colleges.

"When I came here, state funding made up 20 percent of tuition costs," said Castleton President David Wolk at a campus rally on Oct. 20 seeking more state support. That was in 2001. "For the first time, we have reached single digits," Wolk said.

Castleton State College now receives only 9 percent from the state.

Students around the state have had enough and on Thursday afternoon, each of the four colleges held rallies on their campuses calling upon the state to make a change and make higher education more affordable and more available for them and for generations to come.

Castleton senior, Nicole Mastropasqua is a student and mother of two who said she was at Castleton's rally not only for her and her fellow students, but for her sons as well.

"I am afraid that in the future, higher education will only be for the more affluent," she said.

On Castleton's campus, students, faculty and staff gathered outside the Jeffords Center toting signs expressing their desire for an affordable education in the state of Vermont. Students stood on benches and courtyard walls beaconing to passersby:

"Our cause is your cause!" They cried. "Enough is enough!"

Ashley Bride is also both a student and a mother. She decided to go back to school to better her own life and the life of her son. She also works two jobs just so that she can achieve her goal of graduating in May 2012.

"I have come across many parents who have put their dreams on hold because of the financial burden," said Bride. "And it saddens me to know that there will be more after me."

Victoria Phillips said she feels like just another number to the state and expressed her distress over sending her loan payments out of state now because VSAC could not help her.

Castelton student Roy Fedders talked about the burdens of balancing dreams with financial reality.

"I would like to have a job that I can help someone," he said. "I would also like to be financially secure."

However, the financial security he dreams of may take several years to attain even after graduation.

"When I leave here, I will be $60,000 in debt. That's not a great way to start out," he said.

And with demands for education beyond a bachelor's degree becoming more common in today's job market, students are spending even more money. Without state funding, that money is coming directly out of their pockets.

"After grad school," Fedders continued, "I will be $120,000 in debt. The state should be

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Castleton campus after the first snowfall of the season on Saturday.

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Thank you for the past 32 years, Joe!

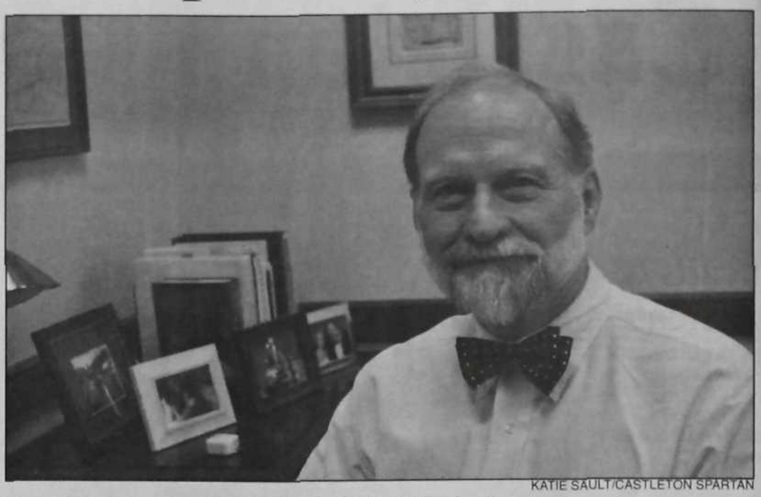
You could fill up your car for $1.19 a gallon, "Russian" was still a bad word, the Islanders were actually good at hockey, John Lennon was still alive and Reagan hadn't yet taken office.

The world was a completely different place back in 1980; not only was the world changing, but so was the small college of Castleton State, tucked away in the back woods of Vermont. Joe Mark was coming to town.

When Mark took to this school a little over 31 years ago, it was his first leap into the public school setting as an administrator. Having dealt mostly with "less than gracious" private school students, he wanted a little something different.

Well, Castleton definitely benefited from his foray into the realm of public schools. Although the experience was probably less than pleasurable for him at first, Mark quickly turned the school around and helped get it headed in the right direction. Since then, we haven't looked back.

The story of Dean Joe Mark can't be done justice in words; the only way to truly appreciate his character is by looking at the things he does every day. He sat in for John Gillen at last year's President's Dinner and made pleasant conversation with the students at the table with him. On a daily basis he can be seen eating in Huden, oftentimes with students. I've never passed him once when he hasn't said hi to me, and all this happens amidst 60 hour work weeks. He's the kind of guy who can change the entire course of a college in three years, but he's also the kind of guy who, while reading my information at the scholarship dinner, was thought-



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Dean Joe Mark sits in his office wearing his distinguishing bowtie.

ful enough to think of a nice and unique way to say I'm an undeclared major.

With the way he described Castleton when he first started, it's amazing that he decided to stick with us. It's a good thing he likes a challenge, or we could have been out one of our most influential administrators in college history. From his distinct, always-present thoughtful smile to his preservation of the bow-tie, there's just too much to be said for Joe Mark. Instead of trying to say it all, I'm going to leave you with the impressive legacy that Dean Joe Mark has built in his 32-year career at Castleton.

I hope he enjoys his relaxation, because he's certainly earned it. He'll have to let us know what the first book he reads during daylight hours is.

-Nick Minarik

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Libya to hold free elections

The people of Libya now revel in their freedom having successfully overthrown a regime that lasted 41 years. The bloody civil war for Libya commenced Feb. 15 of this year after civilians protested against Muammar Gaddafi's government in the wake of the Arab Spring movement.

Protests were met by military force. Hundreds of people were massacred as the country quickly spiraled out of control and into chaos. The United Nations and NATO intervened with foreign air strikes targeting pro-Gaddafi military resources. Cease-fire and no-fly zone demands were ignored as the Libyan military continued to attack its own people.

The National Transitional Council took over interim government control and is the only internationally recognized and legitimate government in Libya.

Their efforts are moving towards free elections that will take place within 9 months.

Though Libya is now free questions still remain: How did Gaddafi die? On Oct. 20 it was reported that he was killed during his capture, but video footage shot on a cell phone showed him alive, bloody and tattered, in his final moments. Bodies of Gaddafi loyalists have been found throughout Libya and thought to be retributive killings, a war crime violation.

Human Rights Watch is asking the NTC to investigate both matters of revolutionary actions and others initiated by pro-Gaddafi forces.

Though Libya celebrates their freedom will Libya be capable of establishing a free state or will factions of the country attempt to gain control? Can the country work towards free elections? Does the military still have any control of the country?

Libya remains in a volatile position and if it can remain on a peaceful path to a freely elected state the taint of bloodshed on both sides can wash away. Should violence continue the revolution would become retribution and the state would have been built in the manner of Gaddafi's final ruling days.

The Arab Spring genesis began in Tunisia and the country organized peaceful free elections in just five months. Surrounding countries have undergone political and state changes, rulers have been ousted and state emergency laws have lifted. However, protests and social disarray are still active in Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain, and Syria.

-Anders Ax

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Clearing up a couple feathery issues

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A story in the last issue of the Spartan, detailing how a new fashion trend using feathers is angering fishermen, needs clarification. Feathers used in women's hair are causing the price of feathers fishermen use for flies to go up, but included in the story was an Alternative Spring Break feather sale – which didn't exacerbate the problem.

ASB members came to the Spartan saying their feathers were synthetic. The reporter of the story was unaware the feathers weren't real.

The ASB members also wanted to clarify an error reported with the price of the feathers. The Spartan article stated the feathers were two for $20. In fact, they were one for $8, two for $15 or three for $20.

Group members said they hoped for a correction in the paper because they are planning other feather sales to raise money for a spring trip to Petersfield, Jamaica to work in a community school and help with local community needs.

Sounding Off

Reflections on Recent Events:

Quote from Vermont Symphony Orchestra, October 3, 2011

"The VT Symphony Orchestra enriches lives through music. And a live concert by the VT Symphony Orchestra makes it that more special and unique. Listening to beautiful music performed by professional musicians in our very own state is a wonderful opportunity. I've never seen classical music live, so it was amazing to watch and hear beautiful music played. Classical music is something that will last throughout generations"–Jana Bach

Quote from Vermont Symphony Orchestra, October 3, 2011

"I think it is important. You can listen to music at home but listening to them live gives you a better understanding of the music. Not only do you hear the music but you can see them playing it. And the music can move through you and you can feel it as well as hear it, which you cannot do just listening on your computer. I think concerts are a great experience as you experience the music firsthand and not through a third party. It is just you and the music, nothing else involved, and that gets you to connect a lot more intimately" – Christopher Chamberlin

Quote from Coach Luma Mufleh's talk, October 5, 2011

"Luma has dedication, passion, the desire to understand and want to become the best person she can be by helping others to become the best people they can be. I can apply all these values to my life and I do some of them already. I understand the commitment she feels to her team because I felt the same commitment to a student I was a volunteer tutor to. He was working toward his GED and I refused to let anything get in the way of my weekly commitment to him. I think the trick is to never give up!"- Gabrielle Walz

Quote from Coach Luma Mufleh's talk, October 5, 2011

"I have learned that success is not just about status and money. Luma spoke about being able to make a difference in people's lives. I can apply this to my own life by remembering that becoming successful is not about the amount of money in the bank or what my social status is. To become successful, I need to make some kind of difference that no one has done before". Jeffrey Blanchette

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday- Sunday, November 9-13
8pm, Wednesday-Saturday
Sunday matinee at 2pm
Castleton Theater Arts presents: The Winter's Tale
Casella Theater
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One of the last plays Shakespeare penned on his own, The Winter's Tale is a transcendent work of death and rebirth, exploring irrational jealousy, the redemptive world of nature, and the magical power of art. Directed by alumna, Lauren Martin.

Alumnus spreads the CSC word

Alison Clark

By Wayne Thornton Jr.
Castleton Spartan

Sometimes life just works out -- whether or not you know what you want to do with yours or not.

May graduate Alison Clark is a good example of this. When the communication major graduated five months ago with a concentration in mass media, she wasn't sure what she wanted to do.

That changed after a trip to Ireland led by business professor Tom Rutkowski. During the trip, Clark said she talked about her uncertain future and that all she really was sure about is that she wanted a job where she could travel.

When she returned from the trip, she said she received an e-mail for the job as a temporary admissions representative at Castleton State College.

She later learned it was Rutkowski who pitched her for the job.

Asked why he touted her, Rutkowski said she was an easy choice.

"Emily Wiezalis of Admissions had contacted a few of us professors in May and asked us to "nominate" someone who would be good for the job opening," he said. "I was very happy when I heard that Alison got the job, and I really think she will be a great ambassador for Castleton."

So far, Clark has traveled to Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington D.C. to meet with perspective students and guidance counselors. During three weeks in August, she visited four to six high schools a day, she said. She said she also sets up tables at college fairs were she gets to meet hundreds of prospective college students.

During her travel, she said she has seen and learned a lot.

"It's been a really great way to see parts of the country I've never been to and wouldn't have had an opportunity to see otherwise. Like I now know that if I ever move to the Washington DC area I will not commute into the city!! Traffic is crazy on the beltways. I will live in the city and take the subway."

Her supervisor in admission, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Emily Wiezalis, praised Clark's work and said she wishes she could hire her full-time, "but we don't have any position open."

"We've had a ton of positive feedback about her," Wiezalis said. "She's a real go getter."

Weizalis said Clark plans to go to graduate school, but had a gap of time to figure out exactly what she wants to pursue – and that gap provided admissions with her services.

Clark, she said, has been on the road since August and will return to the area by Thanksgiving, having pitched Castleton State to thousands of prospective students.

For Clark, the opportunity has been perfect.

"Honestly, I have no idea where I would be! After graduation I worked on my parents' dairy farm for a few months while I searched for a job. When this came along I stopped looking," she said, adding how her opportunity is just another example of Castleton taking care of its own.

Caitlin Lawlor

By Caitlin Lawlor
Castleton Spartan

"What are you going to do when you get out of college?" That seems to be the most asked question from the moment you take your first step onto campus.

As we continue through our years here at college, the pressure builds as we now ask ourselves, "What am I going to do after I get out of here?"

For most of the seniors they can wait until May to figure that out, but as for the select few of us, including myself, we are freaking out a bit.

I'm graduating this December. Do I have any clue as to what I'm going to do? Absolutely not. When I start thinking about the future, pressure builds up in my chest and the thought of being in the real world and holding a real job almost brings on a panic attack.

I have to remind myself that I need to live in this very moment and focus on the more important things like school and spending the last semester I have left here with my friends.

Do I feel resentful toward every one picking classes? A little bit, especially with all of the fun classes I'm hearing about.

But I have to think about my last few weeks here as a blessing, and take everything that I learned from Castleton and apply it to my everyday life. A little word of advice though, don't rush. Make the decisions that are right for you and in the end, all things will work out.

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Local band Twiddle plays at the new Fishtail Tavern, owned in part by a recent CSC grad.

Fishtail Tavern offering another local pub option

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

Castleton students and area residents have a new place for live music, pool and pizza – and it's being brought to them by a Castleton alum.

On Sat. Oct. 22, co-owners Mike Mamunes and former Lake House Pub owner Dave Rogers hosted the pre-opening event for their new bar, The Fishtail Tavern. The Tavern is located beneath the Trak Inn on Lake Bomoseen, directly across from the Edgewater Resort.

Although bar is located about five miles, from campus, it is about the same distance as "The Dog," which many 21-year-olds travel to on most Thursday nights for 50-cent drafts.

And many traveled for the opening to check it out and to hear live music from Castleton-based Twiddle.

"I think it was great," said Mamunes. "I think we had about 120-130 people, and I was hoping for about 100 or so, so it was pretty much up to my expectations. I don't think we even marketed as much as we could have. We didn't go to Green Mountain or Middlebury or anything, we just went to Castleton," he said.

The bar was widely represented by not only Castleton students and community members, but also by faculty members and alumni. Many said they came to support Mamunes, a 2010 Castleton graduate.

Castleton alumnus Nick Belizzi, who also graduated in 2010, traveled from Troy, N.Y. to attend the opening and said that the atmosphere was phenomenal and that there was "good people, great music and a great time."

The pre-opening event attracted many students thanks to the performance of Twiddle, and an advertisement of free-pizza. There was a $10 cover charge for this specific night.

"The environment was a lot of fun because there were so many different generations there and it was a very comfortable place to be," said Castleton junior Sarah Ethier. "There was a fire pit outside, places to sit all around, and there were too many activities to do whether it was dancing, sitting at the bar or playing pool, it was just such a chill atmosphere."

The Fishtail Tavern will not be officially opening until mid-November, but Mamunes already has many plans.

"We definitely plan to hold some private functions," he said. "Pretty soon we are going to renovate and make the bar bigger and get some big screen TVs. That way, we can have Super Bowl parties and that kind of stuff. Additionally, we are going to have the lead singer of Twiddle there performing every Wednesday it looks like."

The owners also plan to continue to make and deliver pizza and are working on having a pub menu.

Communication professor Robert Waugneux, who has played music with members of Twiddle in the past, said he was happy there is another venue in town for musicians. "I liked it and hope it expands to further opportunities for talented people," he said.

Castleton Challenge

By Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

On Nov. 6 at 11 a.m., the advanced facility and event management class will be hosting the Castleton Challenge. Willing participants will pay a $5 entry fee, receive a t-shirt, gain access to prizes and raffles and complete a two mile obstacle course on campus.

"The event is approximately two miles and should take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete," said Sam Bailey, one of the students working on the event.

Castleton has never had an event like this before but there are similar obstacle course series that travel around the country hosting events like this one.

"Ultimately why I'm doing it is just because I got conned into doing it and now I'm just going to have fun with it. I'm not looking to win," said Hannah Messer, a contestant.

Wednesday Nov. 2 and Friday Nov. 4 members from the advanced facility and event management class will be doing last minute registration in Huden Dining Hall. If you wish to register the day of the race you will need to arrive at 10 a.m. to do so. All proceeds made from the race will be donated to the Rutland Food Shelf.

"We don't want to give away exactly what's going to happen during the race, however, you will get dirty, you will have fun and it will be challenging," said Bailey.

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Campus Quips

Martina Marchese & Saondra Olds

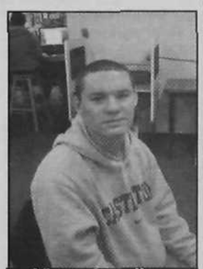
Question: What do you look for when registering for classes?

Brynn Campbell

"The teacher, number one. I always go with teachers I enjoy.

Natasha Gibbs

"I look for the time it's offered. I work nights so morning classes."

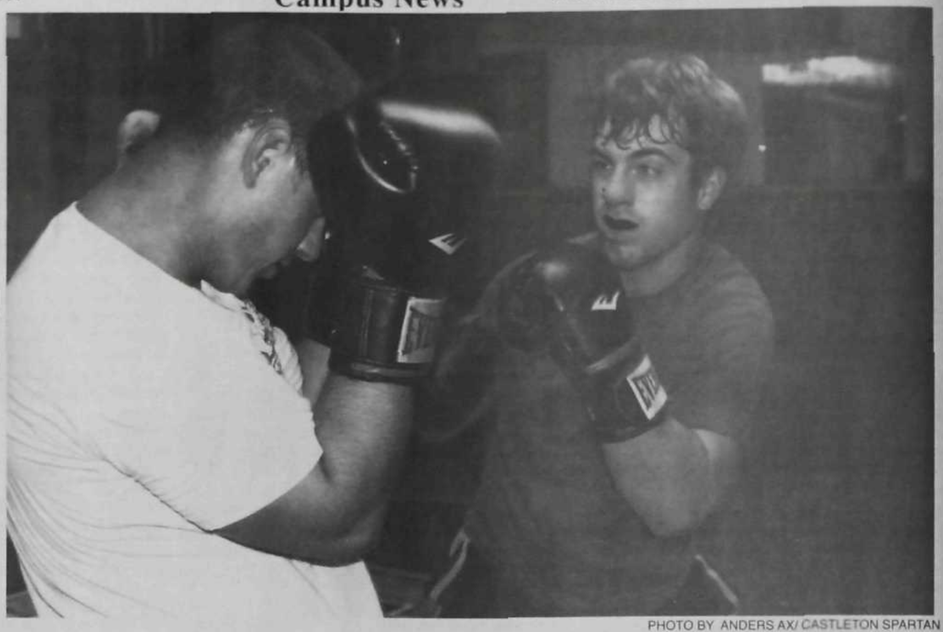


Victor Cucullo

"I look for times of classes. I like morning to get them over with."

Andrew Lafleur

"Usually I just go online look at my program evaluation and just see what I need."



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From left: Matt Barber and Zack Racenet throw punches.

Training the body and the mind

By James Schubert
Castleton Spartan

Punch! Kick! Tackle! Two sweaty, gloved fighters collide into each other and slam into the ground. They sprawl and twist around each other trying to get the upper hand.

One gets on top of the other and starts swinging punches at the other's head. Finally the instructor shouts "stop!" and the two fighters get back up, panting and sweaty. This is a typical experience between two students sparring on the mat in a dojo in Poultney, Vt. The fighters in question were black belts, Will Bergen of Poultney, and this author.

Over the past decade, several training centers have cropped up in the surrounding area, catering to anyone who wants to add some punching, kicking, and maybe even some fighting into their exercise routine. Depending on who you talk to, these places may be called 'Dojos' or just school, and they come in many different flavors.

For starters, at Castleton State College, students can join the Mixed Martial Arts Club. The MMA club doesn't work on one form or style per se, they focus on fighting and techniques that can be used in the sport the club is named after, and these can come from any style of martial arts. Even some aspects of boxing and wrestling are thrown in.

They gather together several times a week and work on various techniques. An added benefit of working with the club is that if you want to compete in tournaments, Castleton State College can pay the fees. Some of the members of the MMA club have participated in competitions before.

"I wanted to see how well I could do," said Jenn Macari, president of the MMA club.

She mentioned that winning her first fight in a tournament was a combination of Christmas and one's birthday, rolled into one. In her most recent bout, The 2011 NY Open in Nyack, N.Y. she placed in fourth.

If you want to compete in tournaments, but have no experience, training, or don't want to be a part of a 'club,' there's Vigilante Industries at the Castleton Four Corners. Matt Barber, owner of Vigilante Industries, creates an atmosphere of the classic basement training center like one would see in a Rocky-esque movie. But it's not so intimidating that the new guy off the street wouldn't want to come by and give it a shot.

"No one's cocky, they're nice. If you're out of shape they won't berate you for it or anything like that," Macari said, adding that the CSC MMA Club meets regularly to train with the folks at Vigilante Industries.

Just like the CSC MMA Club, Vigilante Industries doesn't focus on one style, they take techniques from all fighting styles.

"It's a fight soup. We take a little from everything that comes in," Barber said.

Barber said if someone comes off the street without experience, they'll work with them one-on-one to develop their technique. He also said new people can try out Vigilante for a month for free. The training may be tough, but the rewards can be lifelong.

"Your hardest day, is your first day," Barber said. "It will change who you are, if you can stick with it."

If you're looking for a more all-encompassing atmosphere, there's a dojo in Poultney called Whe Chun Martial Arts. Besides the vigorous exercise and opportunity to spar, the school, and its lead instructor, (referred to as 'Sensei') Castleton State College psychology professor Terry Bergen, exercises your mind as well.

"The system is designed to help develop one's emotional intelligence," Bergen said, referring to a term in psychology that relates to one's ability to identify and control one's emotions.

When students participate in the class, they exercise and train just like any other group, but they also talk about their days, what they do, their experiences and how martial arts affects the various aspects of their lives. Bergen said he uses his knowledge in psychology and martial arts to help the students understand and handle the emotions that burst up in day-to-day life.

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Terry Bergen oversees students at his martial arts studio in Poultney.

Construction noise pollutes sleepy campus

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

'Beep, Beep, Beep' 'Bang, Bang, Bang.' Every day at 7 a.m. these sounds are waking up Castleton State College students in residence halls near the construction of New Hall -- and they're starting to get irritated.

Freshman Matt Woodward is less than happy with the lack of sleep the heavy equipment and workers are causing.

"Every morning I wake up to the construction" Woodward said. "It's starting to get annoying."

And the construction hasn't only been waking up students, according to the Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman.

"A few neighbors' of the school have noticed and complained about the noise," Dikeman said. "Our winter goal is to be indoors, so there will be much less noise."

With more than 100 workers on the two work sites building the new residence hall and new physical plant complex, the buildings are being built pretty quickly.

"We are not ahead of schedule but we are on schedule," said one construction worker who asked that his name not be used.

That's good news for all the students and neighbors who have been awakened earlier than they'd like on a daily basis.

Community advisors in Ellis and Wheeler halls have also noticed the noise from the construction.

Ashley Acuna, a CA in Ellis, has been bothered by the noise all semester.

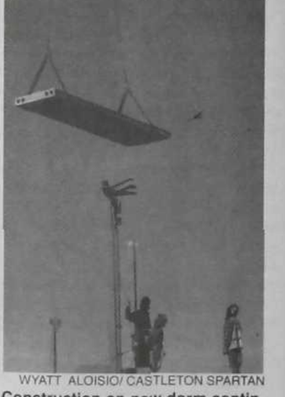
"Sometimes the beeping of the trucks wakes me up," she said.

Courtney Ianni echoed Acuna.

"It's very loud," she said

Asked whether he had heard anything about students complaining about the noise, the construction worker shrugged and said no – but with a grin.

"There is nothing I can do about it," he said. "I've just got to do my job."



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A fashion stretch

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

A growing spectacle among youth in America, lobe stretching or, gauging, is more popular than ever before. Unless, of course, you count ancient practices.

Most sources speculate about the exact start of ear stretching and who it should be attributed to. Organizations like the Association of Professional Piercers suggest that it is an ancient tribal practice.

In some cultures it is also used to enhance the beauty of an individual.

Author of Piercing Bible, Elayne Angel, reports that this practice goes back as far Ancient Austria. In 20th century excavations, mummified corpses appeared to have stretched lobes up to 11 millimeters in diameter.

In modernized America, the reasons are not all entirely different. Jenny Confransisco, a junior, has been stretching her ear lobes since sophomore year of high school.

"They were just a really different type of body modification, really tribal. I was one of the first in my school at the time and definitely one of the first girls. They were just different," Confransisco said.

She now has her lobes stretched to a solid 00, which measures to 3/8ths of an inch and isn't sure where she'll stop.

"It is expensive—and I have a lot of really cute plugs and earrings [in my size] already," Confransisco said.

Moriah Manahan, a senior, has been stretching her lobes for seven or eight years. Manahan first started the process when her mother had her second holes gauged.

"It wasn't so popular when I started, but then I started to see it more at concerts and in pictures," says Manahan. "I had a friend who could only get one of her ears to stretch."

She says that at one point, her lobes were up to ½ inch holes. They shrank and she believes they heal a lot more easily than people are led to believe.

"I think I could get them smaller if I wanted. As of now, I'm stretched to 00. I just like the way they look," Manahan said.

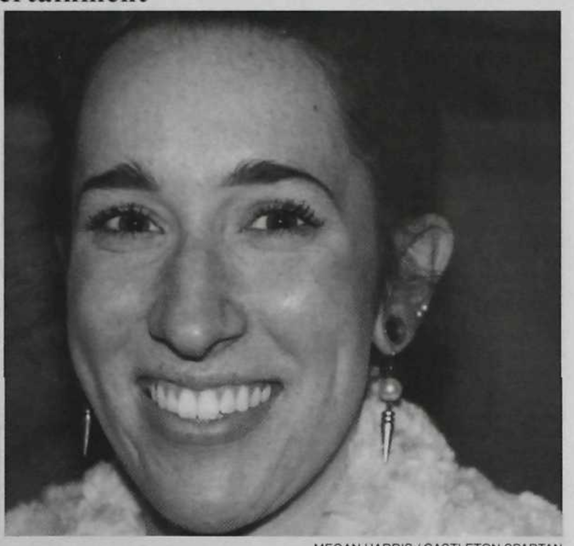
When asked if she'll ever take them out, she marks that she's never had issues with employers and that, "I can see myself with them even when I'm old."

Castleton staff member, Samantha Green says she's only had her 8 millimeter gauge, approximately 1/8th on an inch, in for under a year.

It started as a problem ear piercing in Green's case.

"As a child, my mom would have me get my ears pierced for special occasions but they never healed right because of how often I played sports," says Green, "eventually, they just wouldn't and kind of in boredom, I discovered various things stayed better than an earring."

She then decided, upon seeing a discount stretching kit at a mall, that she would stretch it just a little more.



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Senior Moriah Manahan shows off her 00 guages.

Green says she likes the size she's at and doesn't plan on increasing it. "I've already invested money in my size and I like how small it is."

Stretch kits range anywhere from $20.00 to $150.00 online and there a lot of options for style. There are also some possibilities for complication and the APP warns it's not for everyone.

Guages aren't technically the correct name for the body modification.

"Usually, I hear people refer to modification by the type of jewelry they wear— tunnel gauges, plugs, tapers, stuff like that. The gauge is simply the size," Confransisco said.

There are only a few people on the Castleton Campus with gauges and although not all of them were available for comment, it seems clear that there are many and varying reasons for this eccentric and attention-grabbing fashion and that it will continue to increase as a trend for some and a lifestyle for others.

KATIE SAULT / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Rebecca Loebe performs at Fireside.

The Voice visits CSC

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

Rebecca Loebe is often described as an itinerant folk singer or as she prefers, "a well-dressed homeless person." She eventually became sick of answering the genre question, so she coined the term "post-brontosaurus indie folk/crunk" to describe her work.

"What I do at the fundamental level is indie/folk. But it's definitely lyrically based, story driven songwriting. I went for post-brontosaurus partially to be silly, but partially because I was really upset that brontosaurus was not a real dinosaur. Then there's crunk. I had to throw that in there because I'm from Atlanta. I got to represent," Loebe said.

Her arrangement of Nirvana's hit "Come as you are" convinced Christina Aguilera and Maroon 5's Adam Levine to turn around on The Voice, which premiered in April 2011. Loebe picked Levine as her coach.

"I chose to join team Adam for really only one reason. My instincts told me to go with Adam because he's a songwriter. He's built his whole career around writing music and recording it. Whereas Christina, she launched her career because her voice is freakin' phenomenal. And that's great, but that's not the type of career I wanted to have," explained Loebe.

Levine immediately noted the talent coming from the petite woman.

"You completely reworked it," Levine said on the show. "That kind of creativity as far as artistry is concerned is amazing. I just pressed the button because I felt it."

Although eliminated early, Loebe insists she benefitted from the show as a songwriter.

"The biggest benefit I got from The Voice and this is something I wouldn't see coming... I just have been extremely happy at every show I've performed at since then," the singer said smiling. "Those two performances I did on the voice were the two scariest performances I've ever done."

She recalls belting out the chorus to Radiohead's "Creep" with Levine, sitting on her dad's kitchen floor with a guitar working on the arrangement of the Nirvana hit because she "didn't want to sing it in the original style because I feel like Kurt Cobain already did that," and giving up a European tour she planned for a year to be on the show.

Loebe's career did not begin with The Voice though.

She began singing early on and her father often took her to open mic night at Eddie's Attic in Georgia.

"It really inspired me and shaped the path I took as a songwriter," she said.

She graduated high school at the age of 16 and moved to Boston a year later, enrolling at the Berklee College of Music where she graduated with a degree in music production and engineering.

Shortly after, she recorded her first album titled, "Hey, it's a lonely world." Since then, Loebe has recorded two EP's and one full length record. She reflects on the ways she has grown as an artist.

"The first album I really wanted to prove I could produce it myself. Since then, I've done a lot of living. Some of it has been a lot of fun. Some of it has been difficult. Life is hard sometimes," she said.

In 2006, Loebe gave up her Atlanta apartment and began living in her 1992 Toyota Camry Station Wagon. She eventually made her way to Castleton.

Loebe walked into Fireside Café on Oct. 20 and performed for a small crowd of Castleton students who sat captivated by the voice coming from the little body in front of the microphone. She has performed here twice before. The show lasted roughly an hour and she sang her own songs, as well as a selection from Smokey Robinson, Kanye West's "Stronger," and the Nirvana song which made her an ITunes sensation. The crowd laughed with Loebe, but more importantly, they were moved by her voice.

"I just got goosebumps," said Senior Samantha Ralph mid- performance.

Ralph watched Loebe on The Voice and was excited to hear her perform.

"I thought it was very good. She was very nice and she's energetic. And she is funny, oh my gosh, she's so funny. She's just very pleasant," said Ralph.

It is unclear which Loebe enjoys more: singing or writing. Before performing her song "Darlin," she revealed her sense of humor to the crowd.

"If I wrote this song back home in Georgia or Boston where I went to college, it may have been "Darling, what have you done?" But I was barefoot on a back porch in Austin, Texas and it was simply not appropriate to use a g."

Game Review: Batman: Arkham City ★★★★★

If you have to choose one single-player game to buy this year, this is it.

Batman: Arkham City continues the story of Arkham Asylum, shortly after the events of the first game. The criminals have been relocated to Arkham City, a sanctioned-off area of Gotham where the most dangerous villains in the Batman universe reside. I won't tell you how the game starts off, because the entire story is a masterpiece and every bit should be experienced.

Aside from story, this is an absolutely gorgeous fast-paced open-world adventure with streamlined beat-em-up combat, refined stealth sections, and a dark sense of humor. Everything from the first game has been kept and built upon; you start the game off with all the gadgets you finished the last game with, and there are even more where those came from. The combat is just as easy to pick up with the punch/counter system, but they've added more depth to counters this time around. You can do simultaneous counters against multiple people, and these provide some of the most satisfying moments in gameplay.

I could go on for pages about why I love this game. The graphics, the gameplay, the crossover storylines between characters, there's just too much greatness in this game to get into in a 250 word review.

This is one you have to experience. If you haven't played the first, go find a used copy. Arkham City is so good that it just beat Portal 2 as my favorite game this year.

- Nick Minarik

Music Preview: Punk Goes Pop 4

Instead of doing another review, I'm gonna do some looking forward to the future this issue. It's time for a PREVIEW!

Usually it's hard to preview an album without the whole thing, but Fearless Records has a unique way about them. Their long-running Punk Goes Pop series has come a very long way since Vol. 1, and its fourth installment is fast approaching.

The great thing about this series is that they choose all the songs that you're sick of by release date and find ways to breathe new life into them. While the entire tracklist is available on iTunes, the only way to get a taste of the songs is through various posts on the official Facebook page from various Youtube videos that Fearless has chosen to allow on the internet. Right now, you'll be able to hear "Just the Way You Are" by Pierce the Veil and "Rolling in the Deep" by Go Radio.

Being someone who hates most pop music, I always look forward to this album. I'm very impressed with Pierce the Veil's cover; they're leaning towards the melodic and it sounds great. Go Radio's cover isn't as pleasant, but it's still not bad.

With 11 more songs that we have to wait for, it's too early to make the call. I'm still expecting big things from the series regulars like I See Stars and A Skylit Drive, who always deliver solidly. This series has come a long way; we'll see if the forward progress continues when Volume 4 drops on Nov. 22.

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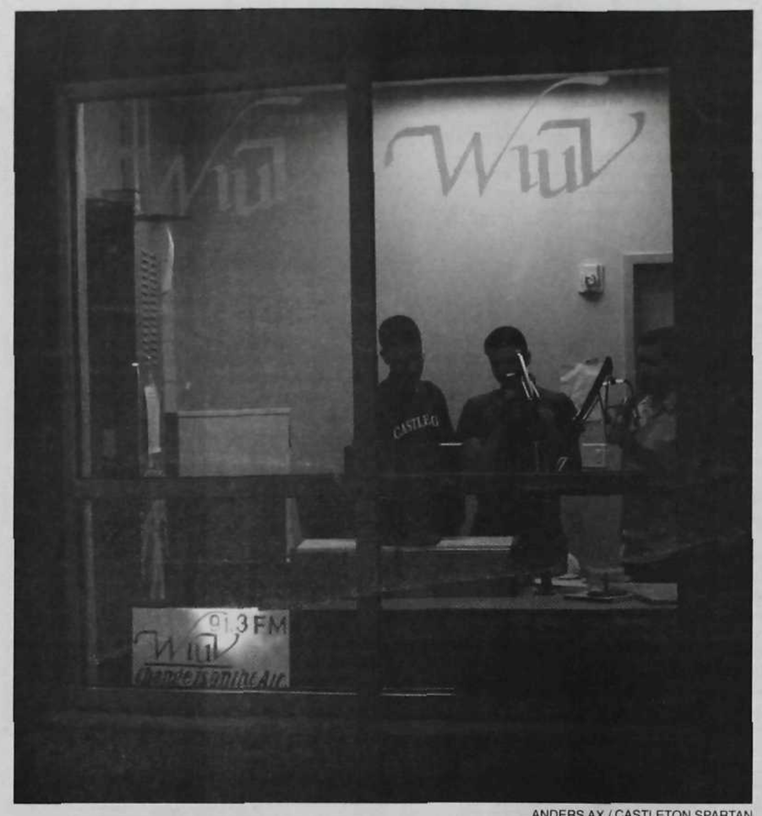

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From left to right: DJ Bubba, DJ Pip Malt, and DJ Tiny Tim perform on air.

WIUV flourishing with more dedication

By Catherine Trudell
Castleton Spartan

After struggling to find DJs to fill live airtime and having to play recorded radio shows for much of last year, WIUV officials say the student radio station is headed in a better direction under new student leadership.

Castleton student and WIUV Program Director Mike Mitrano attributed the success of the station to "more dedication" from students. The club is now enjoying great attendance at its weekly meetings and has a DJ scheduled to cover the air every night except for Saturdays, he said.

"There is a solid core of students who want to bring radio to the college," said club Advisor and Professor Robert Wuagneux.

A student at the center of this core is Station Manager Nick Minarik.

The Castleton junior said he decided to take action after putting up with the poor condition of the radio station for too long. By rallying a group of dedicated students and placing more responsibility on staff, Minarik said things started to turn around.

"We all love music," he said.

But the station isn't quite where Minarik would like to see it. He wants it to be more of a presence on campus and an to increase listeners.

"If people know we're on the air with new music, they'll want to tune in to listen and it could create more of a like, I don't want to say community, but yeah, like an actual college radio station," said Minarik.

One way the radio station hopes to achieve this awareness on campus is by putting speakers outside of the Campus Center where the radio booth is located.

"This will draw attention to the station's locale as well as to the programming in place. People are curious. They hear music or fun in the air and want to know where it is coming from...WIUV of course," Wuagneux said.

WIUV secretary Caitlin Lawlor is among many who hope that these speakers will result in more listeners.

"When you actually get phone calls that's when you know people are actually listening to you ... and that's quite an accomplishment," she said.

A mixture of new DJ's has also added variety to WIUV's broadcasts. Zak Mayo is one Castleton student who has gained popularity as a DJ. The junior sports administration major was working his public safety shift one night when he walked upon the radio station. He said he had never really paid much attention to it before.

Mayo said he was motivated to be a DJ because he was "kind of sick of listening to the Vermont radio stations of just rock and country."

The result was the Monday Mix with Mayo that airs live 4:30-7:30 p.m., which he classifies as a variety of music that mostly focuses on the popular songs of the day with a little bit of talk radio mixed in.

He agrees that there has been an improvement in the college's radio station.

"There has been a ton of people to call in during my show and also on campus I am always hearing how people are getting happier with what WIUV is now doing," he said.

Recent grads share their stories

By Catherine Dow
Spartan Contributor

Five months ago, the Castleton State College class of 2011 marched to Pomp and Circumstance on a very special day.

But where are these grads in the real world just five months later? And what's their advice to the seniors this year?

"Most importantly, enjoy your time at Castleton while it lasts. Work hard to get where you want to be, but have fun while you can. Life after Castleton will be one of the most exciting times in your life, but it's an adjustment that won't always be easy ... so don't take this time for granted," Katelyn Doran said as she reflected back on her time at CSC.

Doran, born and raised just four miles away from the college in Hydeville, graduated at the top of 2011 class. She double majored in health science and biology. Just one week after graduation, she moved to Bear, Del. to further her education at Arcadia University.

"I'm almost halfway through my second semester of physician assistant school. My program is so intense, nothing like undergrad," Doran said. "But, I often find myself sitting in class thanking professors like Dr. Kimmel in my head for giving me such a good foundation to build on."

The faculty at Arcadia University is known for comparing the demanding physician assistants program to "trying to drink water from a fire hose," she said.

"I can't really think of a better way to put it. It's been one of the most challenging times in my life, but there's nowhere else I'd rather be," Doran said. "But, of course, I do miss Castleton."

Not all of the 2011 grads decided to pursue higher education directly after graduation. Some like Ryan Baldinelli, Mike Carrier, and Megan Johnson began their journey into the real world by getting a "real" job or at least trying to.

Baldinelli found a job three months after graduating. He's working as an account manager at Allied Wire & Cable in Massachusetts – but he's living with his parents and beginning to pay back his student loans.

While at Castleton, Baldinelli majored in business management, was treasurer of the 2011 class and president of the club hockey team.

"I'm adjusting to not living on my own as well as knowing Monday-Friday I can't wake up and say 'I don't feel like going to work today' like you sometimes can with class," he said.

Like Baldinelli, Carrier was quickly able to find a full-time job. Although he was unable to find a position where he is directly using his business management degree, he landed a potential career working as a teller at the TD Bank on Main Street in Burlington.

"Although it can be stressful at times, it is my first full-time position with benefits, so I'm open minded for now and above all just thankful to have a job," he said.

But it has been a bittersweet transition.

"I miss every single thing about my four years at Castleton. Going into my freshman year I thought I was going to hate college and Castleton. But, going out after four years, I couldn't have asked for much more in a college experience," he said.

Not all graduates have been as fortunate in the job market. Megan Johnson has yet to find a job in her major and as a result recently made a spur of the moment decision to move to North Carolina -- not only for a change but to hopefully find a job using her degree.

"I am currently working two jobs so that I am able to support myself but, nothing in my field. I plan on getting my master's degree in sports administration in the future," she said.

Although all four recent grads are all on very different career paths, their advice to current students is almost the same. Baldinelli would tell the students, "to enjoy every moment they have at school because once its over- It really is done; and your new life begins.

"Put the effort in because if you put it in now, it will be an easy transition into the working world only hopefully you'll be getting paid nicely for it."

VSC rally for education

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able to help us out."

Though education is a nationwide issue, no other state even remotely compares to Vermont.

In 1980, state appropriations were at 49 percent, making student tuition and fees 51 percent.

As of the projected 2012 year, state appropriations have decreased to a mere 18.7 percent, leaving students to carry a heavy, heavy burden of 81.3 percent in tuition and fees.

Vermont ranks last among the states in aid allocated to public institutions of higher education, more than doubling the national average of 40.3 percent.

Linda Olson, president of the Vermont State College Faculty Federation and Castleton sociology professor, said this is an ongoing, uphill battle.

"We've been losing state support since 1980," said Olson, "and its students who are paying the price. Both literally and figuratively."

Olson stressed that this was just the first step in the fight for higher education.

Currently, the state legislature is in recess, but will resume in January. Olson says that by grabbing their attention now, tuition costs will be on the forefront come the first of the year.

"We want them to know this is a real issue," said Olson.

She encouraged students at the rally to speak with local representatives and senators, plead their cases and share their stories, take a more personal approach.

Dean Joe Mark agreed with Olson.

"Let me ask you a question," he said to the crowd. "What are the names of your senators?"

A very quiet group listened intently to Mark who expressed how crucial it was to get in touch with the people who can make change happen. "What's going to make a difference is talking to them," he said.

Students in attendance realize this not an issue that will be settled over night and they are prepared to fight for what they believe is rightfully theirs.

President Wolk read a letter from Castleton's Student Government Association president, Stephanie Terry, who could not be in attendance.

To conclude her letter, Terry wrote what the group was trying to express through their own words and actions: "We want higher education to be our right, not our privilege."

Senators respond to rally

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years you're there, you could have been done in maybe two or three."

Students and faculty alike agree that these rallies were just the first of many public outcries from those being affected by the continuously decreasing percentage of state funds being allotted to the Vermont State Colleges.

"I see this as the first step," said Linda Olson, president of the Vermont State College Faculty Federation. "What I want to see is increased awareness, and hopefully get support along the way."

The Vermont Senate resumes in January. Olson as well as students and faculty state-wide hope this issue will be at the forefront of their agenda. Students are already planning to head to Montpelier to lobby in February.

Throwin' Punches

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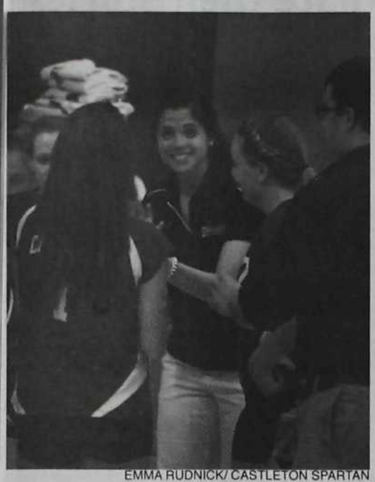
The system looks upon its students, both kids and adult alike, as a family, in what Bergen calls a 'family system.'

"We are organized as a family, as in we care for the development of our 'children' or anyone that comes to learn," Bergen Said.

One of the many lessons taught at the Whe Chun Dojo is the concept of not saying 'I'm all set' or to put it simply, not stopping at the finish line. By not letting up and always driving forward you can push yourself to new extremes and heights never seen before, mentally and physically. This concept can be easily applied to all aspects of life, not just martial arts, added Bergen.

Whe Chun used to participate in tournaments, notably the Mark and Becky Stockton Martial Arts Tournament of years past in Rutland. Since competition is not the focus of Whe Chun, they have backed away from the competitive martial arts scene and have focused on developing their art and students.

CSC alumni finds job after graduation



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Mary Kate Scardillo praises her players.

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Mary Kate Scardillo came to Castleton for school, but came out of it with a career.

Scardillo earned a Masters of Arts in Education here at Castleton and was also a graduate assistant for the women's lacrosse team.

But now she is the head coach for the volleyball and lacrosse programs.

As a Slingerlands, N.Y. native, Scardillo played high school volleyball, basketball and lacrosse at the Academy of the Holy Names. Scardillo attended Nazareth College and was a four-year member of the lacrosse team. She graduated in 2009 and then came to Castleton to earn her Masters.

But Scardillo didn't always know she wanted to coach.

"Coaching was a way to stay involved in lacrosse and go to school at the same time," Scardillo said. "I have been a student-athlete for a long time, and this was a way for me to stay involved but in a different role."

Always used to being in the student-athletes shoes, Scardillo finds it enjoyable having the roles reversed.

"It is fun to watch student-athletes grow and succeed both as players and young adults," she said.

Scardillo enjoyed coaching the volleyball team this season, and she is eager for the lacrosse season to start. Being a former student-athlete, Scardillo feels she has a lot to contribute to both programs.

"I am excited to continue working with the current team and grow from our progress," she said. "I am excited to work towards growing both programs by giving students the tools to achieve success both in the classroom and on the playing field."

Scardillo has already made an impression on her volleyball players.

"Coach Scardillo is a wonderful Coach. She is very positive and pushes us to the best of our ability," said Chi Vo a sophomore on the volleyball team. "She knows when to be serious about things and when it's okay to connect with the athletes."

Ruth Tomlinson, also a member of the volleyball team, enjoys Scardillo as a coach and said she finds her more relatable because she has gone through the same experiences being an athlete herself.

"I'm glad someone younger is our coach because she's more relatable to not just in volleyball but anything else we as players may be dealing with," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson talked about Scardillo's passion, which Tomlinson believes is a key ingredient in a good coach.

"She's very competitive and has a mind of an athlete which helps us tremendously."

Tomlinson said Scardillo doesn't like to yell and tries to keep a positive attitude. She said she enjoys that quality in Scardillo.

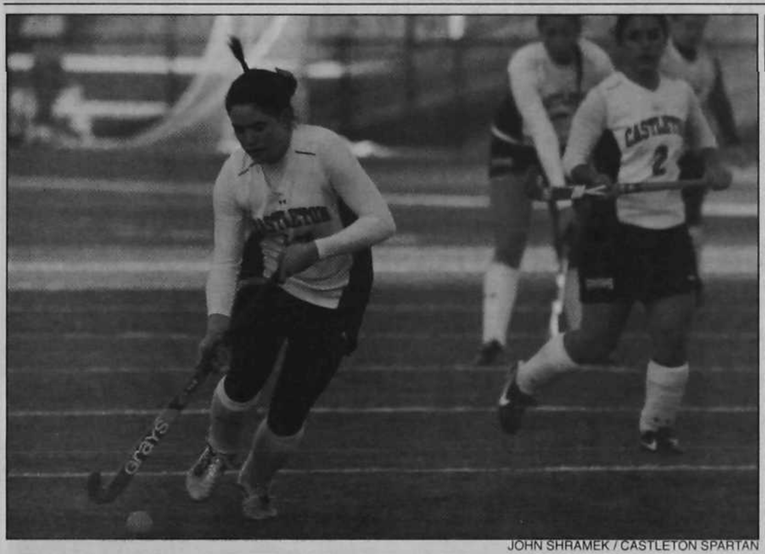
"It helps me become better having someone who encourages and constructive criticizes than to have someone yell down my back about what to do and not do," Tomlinson said.

With the lacrosse season approaching, Scardillo takes the reins from former coach Tammy Landon, who has coached the lacrosse team for the past five seasons. Scardillo said working under Landon for the past two seasons has really shaped her into a better coach.

"Coach Landon allowed me to have a voice on the field which prepared me for the position I have now," Scardillo said. "She taught me how to be a better teacher and mentor."

Scardillo said she has really grown to love coaching and sees herself continuing on that path in the future. Like many coaches she believes there is more to being a student-athlete than just playing the game.

"Being a part of a collegiate level team is a great opportunity where young people can create lifelong friendships, work with others and develop into leaders," she said. "Many experiences that happen on the court or field can be translated into their real lives."



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Kristy Pinkham brings the ball up the field against Lasell College on Oct. 30.

Field hockey team keeps on winning

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The Field Hockey team pulled off another impressive win, defeating Lasell College 4-0 in a North Atlantic Conference quarterfinal matchup on Oct. 30 at Spartan Stadium.

The Spartans started the scoring early with a goal coming five minutes into the game from junior Caitlin Briggs on an assist from sophomore Blake Wardwell. Wardwell then had a goal of her own just 12 minutes later on an assist from junior Kealy Chipman.

But Castleton was not done yet as sophomore sensation Rachel Preusser was able to score unassisted at the 26 minute mark. Then less than three minutes later, Preusser scored her 20th goal of the season off an assist from Wardwell to make it 4-0 and round off the scoring for the game.

Castleton dominated all aspects of the game as they had 36 shots compared to only nine taken by Lasell. Castleton had 13 penalty corners as opposed to only four by Lasell. Senior Bridget Dusha only had to make four saves on the game, while Lasell's goalie, Christine Thornton, made 15 saves in the loss.

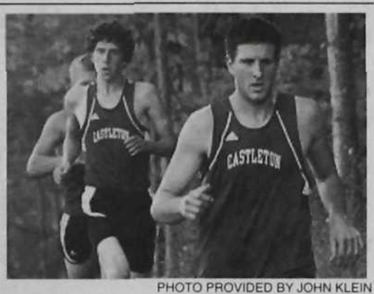
Having already played against Lasell earlier in the season, the Spartans already had an idea of what Lasell was going to bring to the table.

"I watched our previous game film when we played at Lasell earlier this year," head coach Tammy Landon said before the game. "I brought up a few things we can do better and also reviewed our offensive and defensive corners, so we know potentially where we can better attack them."

This is sixth straight win for the Spartans, who after losing their first four games, have posted a 12-7 record thus far and are also undefeated in conference play.

With a NAC Semifinal coming up on Nov. 2, the Spartans are not taking anything for granted.

"We have to take better care of the ball," Landon said. "Work on our intensity and improve our focus for the next game, but for now we are happy with the win today."



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Steve Hagemann (left) and Isaac French at a recent meet.

Cross country places 3rd in NAC

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton men's and women's cross country team finished third at the North Atlantic Conference Championships on Sunday.

For the women, Mariah Eilers finished sixth overall with a time of 23:41. Shannon Park finished close behind in seventh overall with a time of 23:49.

Julija Cubins and Lindsay Rines finished neck-and-neck in 16th and 17th place, with times of 23:45 and 23:46. Teammate Cassie Pinaire wasn't far behind with a time of 25:02. McKynze Works finished with a time of 26:30. Junior Katie Martin finished with 26:48. Carly Lagasse, Megan O'Brien and Jenna Donovan all finished close together with times of 29:19, 29:21, and 29:31. Meagan Larabee finished wat 31:18. Shelly Audette finished with a time of 31:41. Soon behind was Melissa Orr at 31:52.

On the men's team, Nohea King finished in 12th with a time of 31:05. Isaac French was shortly behind with a time of 32:06 in 15th place. Steven Hagemann finished 17th with a time of 32:16. Freshmen Cameron Maurer and Evan Prizzi finished in 21st and 27th with times of 32:57 and 33:29. Classmate Matt Woodward finished 30th, registering a 33:54 with JJ Royer close behind with a time of 34:22. Ben Villa finished the day with a 35:10, while Dan Regino finished in 35:21. Andrew Muse finished in 36:06 while George Forbes and Mike Garceau finished in 36:20 and 36:31.

Up next for the Spartans are the ECAC Championships at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Bison offense crushes Castleton

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

Tailgaters and fans sported blankets and sipped on hot chocolate this past Saturday when Castleton hosted the Gallaudet Bison at Spartan Stadium at noon. Castleton's defense buckled under the pressure of Gallaudet's quick option offense that accumulated 674 total offensive yards breaking the team's previous record. The final score was 59-40.

"Gallaudet is a tough team. They are very athletic and demanding on the defense with their flex run offense," said head coach Marc Klatt. "We didn't execute our game plan as well as we could have."

Quarterback Shane Brozowski who amassed 290 yards and scored three touchdowns led the Spartan offense, which totaled 432 yards. Brandon Boyle was the top receiver with 13 catches for 129 yards, while Tyler Carpenter led Castleton's ground game with 50 rushing yards.

"This year it's unfortunate that we didn't put it all together. I'm confident the guys will get em' next year," Said senior tight end Anthony Simms.

Gallaudet's Quarterback Quentin Williams scored on the team's first drive on an 86-yard run with 12:05 on the clock. They also kicked a field goal before Brozowski connected with Mike Patterson in the end zone ending the first quarter of play with the score at 10-7.

Brozowski scored on a five yard run and Patterson scored on a 26 yard reception from Brozowski but the PAT was blocked making the score 31-20 at halftime.

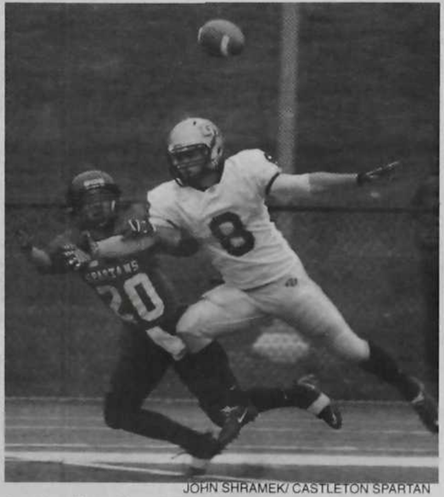
In the third quarter, Carpenter scored on a two yard run, but Gallaudet rushed for almost 300 yards and scored three touchdowns making the score 52-27 at the end of the third quarter.

It looked like Castleton was rallying for a fourth quarter comeback when Zack Waitkus scored thanks to a well-timed block by Patterson. Castleton got the ball back on the onside kick, but couldn't do anything with it.

"We had a good game plan but defensively we struggled. Little breakdowns lead to big plays. Our Offense did every thing they could," junior defensive back Brandon Bergeron said. "I give a lot of credit to our offensive line opening up holes for the runners and giving Shane time to throw. "

The Spartans are now 2-3 in the NCFC and will Host the Husson Eagles at Spartan stadium this Saturday at noon.

"We weren't as sharp as we were in the past few weeks," said Klatt. "I'm proud of our guys regardless of the situation they have a great attitude."



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Spartan wide reciever Mike Patterson dives for a pass against Gallaudet.

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Spartan forward Maria Arnot fight for posession during Saturday's game against Thomas.

Spartans put the Terriers in the doghouse

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartam

The women's soccer team continues to plow through its competition, continuing an eight-game winning streak. On Oct. 19, the Spartans defeated Johnson State by a score of 1-0.

After playing a scoreless first half, it was only early in the second half when the Spartans scored the game-winning goal to defeat the Badgers.

Just 1:31 into the second half, senior Hillary Cooke scored on a pass from teammate Courtney Chadburn from right outside the 18, which was deflected off a Johnson defender, and sent into the back of the net.

The Spartans maintained pressure for the rest of the game, but the Badgers just couldn't get past Castleton defense. Davis made three saves to earn the shutout for the Spartans.

On the 26th, the Spartans saw second-place Colby Sawyer, and blew them away with a score of 6-0.

Cooke was at it again, scoring four and assisting one. Also scoring for the Spartans were Courtney Chadburn and Kelly Gerken.

In the beginning of the game, the Spartans were strong against the Chargers goalkeeper, firing six shots off. It was with the seventh that Cooke finally broke through on Shalyn Spencer to take the 1-0 lead. Shortly after, she scored again to end the half.

She scored quickly in the second half to give herself a hat trick and give the Spartans the 3-0 lead. The assist came from Chadburn.

Shortly after, Chadburn took a ball that was punted by Davis right down the field and beat Spencer. Later, Kelly Gerken received a deflection by the Colby Sawyer goalkeeper, and put the ball into the open net. Quickly after, Cooke found the back of the net for her fourth goal of the game, giving Castleton the 6-0 win.

Spencer made nine saves in the game for the Chargers, while Castleton goalkeeper Ericka Davis made four saves.

On Saturday, the Spartans blew past Thomas in the NAC Quarterfinal game. Cooke was at it again, scoring two goals and an assist in the game.

Thomas however took the lead only ten minutes into the game, but it wasn't long before Castleton took the lead, and they didn't let it go.

Chadburn scored about five minutes later on a header past the diving Thomas goalkeeper. In the 29th minute of the game, Jenna Bostwick was given a ball by Cooke just outside the 18, and fired it past the Thomas keeper. Cooke scored about 12 minutes later, finishing off a blocked shot by teammate Maria Arnot.

Kelsey Lenney scored her third of the season with a header with just 1:37 left in the half leaving the score at 4-1 at the end of the first half. Just three minutes into the second half, Lenney headed another ball into the net, giving the Spartans the 5-1 lead. It didn't take long for Cooke to score her second of the game, and 18th of the season, ending the game at the score of 6-1, scoring off a pass from Kelsey Garceau right outside the six.

The Spartans improved their record to 15-4 and look to continue to push forward in the playoffs.

Men's soccer wins, advance to NAC semifinals

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Spencer Dandurand looks to cross the ball against Colby-Sawyer.

The Castleton men's soccer team is heading to its 10th straight North Atlantic Conference semifinal game after it defeating Colby-Sawyer 3-1 in the quarterfinal game at Spartan Stadium on Oct. 30.

"It was a good win," coach John Werner said. "I thought we were great early, but we were controlling the game."

Castleton started the game off strong, pressuring Colby-Sawyer's keeper, Will Berry, who proved up to the task making a few saves on some tricky shots.

One of Castleton's closest scoring opportunities came about 10 minutes in as Trevor Kotrady served up a corner kick from the left hand side where Jacob Roswell wasn't able to convert on his header attempt.

The Spartans got on the board in the 19th minute of play when Tanner LeCruyer powered a bending free kick around a wall of Colby-Sawyer defenders and past Berry into the right corner of the net.

"I don't think [Berry] had much of a chance," coach John Werner said about the free kick. "It was moving so fast, and when Tanner puts it on goal it's pretty hard for anybody to stop. It was smoking, that's for sure."

Colby-Sawyer played pretty aggressively for the rest of the first half, but neither team looked like it would give up another goal.

"Boy late in the first half, I have to give them credit, they came at us pretty good," Werner said. They played pretty well."

That all changed early in the second half, though, as Spencer Dandurand used a spin move to get an open shot on goal, which he deposited in the left corner of the net just 15 minutes into the second half.

"Spencer's moment of individual brilliance to score that second goal makes you look like a good coach if the kid can do that," Werner said. " It's nothing I taught him, that was just a great goal from him and for us."

Castleton's final game of the match came in the 80th minute when Kotrady received a pass from Bryce Kaler, made a few moves and sent the ball into the back of the net.

Kaler received high praise from Werner for his play in the game.

"I thought he played very well for us today," Werner said. "We gave him man of the match today. It was not even a spot he was playing in earlier in the season, but with Dameon [Young] and Zac Conlogue hurt, he stepped in and had a great game in the middle for us."

Castleton's quest for a shutout ended with five minutes left in the game as Mike Laskowski a shot past Nate Koenemann, who made four saves in the game.

"You know it's playoffs, so as long as you have more than them at the end of the match you're happy," Werner said.

Castleton now advances to the quarterfinal game on Nov. 2 and a time to be determined. The Spartans opponent for the game had yet to be determined when this article went to print, but Werner ssaid he was excited for the game.

"I hope we get some guys back physically," Werner said. "New England College, we beat 4-0 here, but they've been beating people, so that wouldn't be an easy one. Farmington we worked overtime to beat up there. I think we are the best playing team in the conference, but whether that translates into wins, we will see. I think we have an X on our backs."

Women's volleyball finishes season at 1-19

By Steve Hagemann
Castleton Spartan

After coming off its first win of the season, the Castleton State College Volleyball team had a pair of tough losses when it had its last home games against Colby-Sawyer and Maine Farmington on Oct. 22, losing in straight sets.

In the match against Colby-Sawyer, the Spartans held their own in the first and third match, but could not find a way to finish them. Grace Schreiber led the Spartans in kills with five, while Paige Lacey and Nicole Valastro had a pair of kills. Valastro and Lacey also led the team with assists, combining for seven of the Spartans' eight assists.

Later in the day, the Spartans had another tough match against Maine Farmington.

Although they lost in straight sets, the team played tough through the entire match. Lacey and Ruth Tomlinson led the Spartans in kills by both registering five, while Valastro had four. Valastro led the team with nine assists. They played a defensive game as well, by registering five blocks in the match.

The Castleton State College team played its last match of the season on Oct. 26 against Norwich, which resulted in a loss.

Team leaders were Valastro, Lacey and Ruth, who each had a pair of kills in the match. Tomlinson and Lacey had a pair of assists in the match as well. Lacey and Sarah Flore led the Spartans in digs both picking up eight. The team ended their season with a 1-19 record.

Sport talk

Kyle Turner

The Spartan field hockey team made history on Oct. 23, 2011 by beating the Husson Eagles 4-2, going a perfect 9-0 in NAC play.

Grabbing the number one seed in the NAC tournament, the Spartans beat Lasell College 4-0 in their opening round of the playoffs and advanced to the semifinals to play against Husson today.

Rachel Preusser scored two goals in the contest against Lasell, bringing her total to twenty on the season and the team's total to seventy-one this season, a new school record.

Also advancing past the quarterfinals were both the men's and women's soccer teams. The men's team defeated

Colby-Sawyer College on Sunday 3-1, advancing to its 10th-straight NAC semifinal game. The team improves its record to 11-5-2.

Trevor Kotrady had a goal in the game, bringing his season total to a team-leading fourteen.

The women's soccer team outshot Thomas College 47-6 in a 6-1 blowout at Spartan Stadium.

Although the Terriers struck first, the Spartans scored six unanswered goals, including two from Hilary Cooke, who now has eighteen on the season, and one from Courtney Chadburn, who has seventeen for the season.

Also, Sophomore Kelsey Lenney had her first multi-goal game of her career.

Gallaudet University pounded through the Spartan defense with 532 rushing yards as the Bison starting quarterback, Quentin Williams, led the way, running for 234 yards.

The Bison's beat the Spartans 59-40 at Spartan Stadium, dropping their record to 3-5 overall and 2-3 in ECFC play. Their next game is against Husson at 12 noon on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The men's ice hockey team opens up its season against the University of New England this Friday at Spartan Arena and then plays against Southern Maine on Saturday at 4 p.m.

The women's ice hockey team also opens up its season at home this Friday against Norwich at 4 p.m. and then it plays at home again against St. Michael's at 7 p.m.

The Lady Spartans are looking to make their presence known in the ECAC East this season with new head coach Bill Bowes at the helm.

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Former CSC student charged in bank robbery

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Former CSC student Jill Ludwig's mug shot.

Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

A former Castleton State College student made regional headlines recently after she and her boyfriend were charged with robbing Citizen's Bank in Poultney, reportedly to fuel a heroin addiction.

Jill Ludwig, 30, and John Maynard, 30, both of Castleton, were arrested Nov. 2 about 90 minutes after the heist just a few miles from campus at Paul's Pizza.

Nicole Mallette, a full-time employee at Paul's Pizza, said that Maynard came into the restaurant and "seemed sort of edgy" and kept asking for a cold drink.

"A girl I work with whose sister was here suddenly said, 'wow, there are a lot of cops out there,'" said Mallette. "There were at least six out there and a few Stateys."

The Post-Star reported that the two were charged with three counts of robbery and a count of assault in connection with bank robberies in Poultney, Rutland and West Rutland, Vt.

The article stated that police suspect Ludwig and Maynard also twice robbed a Granville, N.Y. bank in recent days. About $4,600 was stolen in the Granville cases, but more than $10,000 was netted in all of the robberies.

Castleton State College Director of Communications Ennis Duling confirmed that Ludwig attended Castleton from fall 1999 through fall 2000, and again in 2002-2003 studying English Literature. She did not graduate from Castleton though, he said.

Castleton English professors who worked at the school during the time of Ludwig's enrollment, said they couldn't remember her.

"It's really strange," said English professor Louis Palmer. "Denny Shramek and I were actually discussing this earlier and neither one of us could remember her," he said. "And if she was an English Literature concentration, one of us would have definitely had her as a student."

Additionally, President Dave Wolk, fellow English professor John Gillen and Academic Dean Mark, who all worked at Castleton during this time, could not remember her.

"As far as I'm aware, I never met Jill," said Mark.

He added that when he heard the news report, he was not even aware that she had been a student here.

For the past year though, Ludwig has been working as a sales representa-

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WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN
A group of humans on the hunt for zombies outside of Huden Dining Hall.

Zombies attack CSC!

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

Things had taken a turn for the worse for the six survivors. Just two days after the infection had reached campus, they had run out of food and made the decision to venture to the cafeteria in search of more. Along the way they had encountered one or two "walkers" who were easily dispatched, but now was entirely different. Just beyond the steel doors, dozens of infected had gathered to make a survivors worst nightmare.

It was a horde, and they too were hungry.

The group knew it was only a matter of time before they were overrun and in a moment of indecision, they scattered. Two made a break for it between nearby buildings followed closely by several eager "runners." Another two chose to retreat back inside, leaving the remaining to face down the rest of the pack.

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Josh Budzinski patrols outside the Houses.

Within seconds, it was down to one.

The lone survivor made his way to the closest building, firing off several rounds from his rifle into the circling crowd of flesh-eaters. Eventually, he brought them down to only three, inching his way backwards toward the safe house.

Turning to pry open the locked door, one of the fiends lurched at him. The survivor turned and raised his gun, but forgot a very important fact: The infected can still baseball-slide.

In mere minutes, he too had joined the ranks of the undead.

What sounds like a scene out of a horror film was actually part of the first ever Humans versus Zombies event at Castleton.

Zombie strategy

Tyrone Davenport was one of several "human" students ambushed at Huden Dining Hall after a

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Drinking violations increase

By Catherine Dow
Spartan Contributor

While crime at Castleton State College is seldom a big problem, and 2010 was no different, Public Safety officials are a little concerned about this past year's rise in drinking violations.

In 2009 there were a total of 117 alcohol violations listed in the annual Campus Safety and Crime Report. In the 2010 report, released last month, the total number of alcohol violations rose to 154 -- a 31 percent increase.

"The only alarming thing I found was the increase in alcohol violations by 40 students," said Bob Godlewski, Public Safety director.

But Eileen Coyne, a junior, wasn't at all surprised by the results.

"The campus is growing so I would expect the numbers of alcohol violations to rise a little bit too. Really, I think we should be thankful that our stats are low. We just have to make sure they continue to stay low," she said.

While alcohol violations increased significantly, the report shows that drug violations on campus dropped, from 53 in 2009 to 48 in 2010. Although burglaries on campus more than doubled from nine to 25, Godlewski said the numbers are believed to be flawed. He said one student was believed to be behind a large majority of

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CSC community remembers Brian Dagle

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College is currently in a state of mourning over the tragic loss of sophomore Brian Dagle. Dagle, an elementary education major from East Lyme, Ct., died off campus early Saturday morning.State police issued a statement Sunday saying that the death was not suspicious.

A somber silence settled outside the Campus Center Saturday evening as 150 students, faculty and staff gathered under the full moon for a candlelight vigil in memory of Dagle.

Students, who learned of the death in a campus-wide e-mail, created a giant circle on the lawn. The light of the candles they held showed bright and warm against the dark sky and bitter cold. They comforted one another with long embraces and soothing words.

"It's a sad day for Castleton friends and family. But it's also a day for an extended family like ours to come together," Castleton president Dave Wolk said as he addressed the group before the silent vigil began.

"You can remain here as long as you like, with the support of everyone in this circle, and in this community," Wolk said.

Students took that to heart, remaining in a large circle, supporting one another in silence for 45 minutes or so before the group began to slowly disperse.

Those closest to Dagle, however, remained vigil for an hour and twenty minutes before finally deciding to head home.

"The friends that he had here were some of the best friends he could ask for," said Bridget Dusha, Dagle's Community Advisor and next-door neighbor when he lived on campus.

"He was such a fun guy. He loved life. Sometimes we would just sit outside my room and talk for hours. He'd tell me all about his day or what he was doing that night," Dusha remembered fondly.

Katelyn Bashaw, a junior, was a good friend of Dagle.

"He was always happy. He always had a smile on his face, and was always the first person to say hello. He touched a lot of lives," Bashaw said with tears in her eyes.

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Students attend a candlelit vigil for Brian Dagle.

Many of those who were closest to Dagle were unable to speak because they

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Humans vs. zombies a huge success

Strange things were afoot on the Castleton campus recently; guys walking around with bandoliers and vests, armed to the teeth with foam-firing machine guns, all while hordes of people with orange bandanas around their heads meander menacingly outside. To an outsider, it may have looked like campus was going completely insane. In reality though, a fun social event was taking place: Humans vs. Zombies.

Residence Hall Association spent a lot of time and effort thinking up and planning this game of survival tag, and in the end it paid off. I've never seen so much dedication to a school-run extra-curricular. The sheer number of people in any given group of "humans," trooping around campus with a machine gun in one hand and a pistol in the other, was very impressive.

The participants all seemed to have a lot of fun. This game became a way of life for a week. Trips to Huden and fireside were dangerous and had to be planned, you constantly had to be on the lookout for ambushes, and school life as a whole was seen through a more tense filter. I actually followed one of the "survivors" from Huden to Ellis one day, and the amount of planning was very well thought-out.

However, there were those who were less amused by the whole game. Some students complained about not being able to go places without worrying about being shot by stray darts, or having a laser sight show up on their chest. Going to class involved more than just a walk to a building, but also a lot of stare-downs with zombies looking for human victims and possible accidental shootings by cautious survivors.

These things happened to me multiple times, but I thought it was kind of funny. The participants always apologized and then held conversations about how "times are getting harder" and things like that. It gave a lot of kids a fun thing to do for a week, and we here at the Spartan don't see the problem with that, although almost none of us participated.

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Participants of humans vs. zombies gather to discuss rules before the "final battle."

It was a barrel of fun to watch, from the patrols of zombies on the day of the final battle to the constant battalion of armed students outside the FAC, which became the human stronghold. There's something hilarious about hearing loud yelling before a human sprinting away from a zombie comes bolting into view, the pursuer hot on his tail, as both of them weave in and out of cars in the parking lot.

I'd like to see this happen again. Maybe next year they should make two original zombies to balance out the numbers and make it last a full week rather than five days. Now that campus knows the potential it has, Humans vs. Zombies could be a great week for years to come.

-Nick Minarik

Are we occupying the wrong place?

Seventeen million dollars for one event on one day, that was it. To put that in a perspective, that is enough to pay tuition costs for every Castleton student this year -- or real close to it.

Kim Kardashian was paid $17 million for allowing media coverage of her marriage to Kris Humphries, which lasted for 72 days. It was a joyous day for Kim, as it would be for anyone earning $17 million on what should already be the best day of their life.

But it's hard to fathom for most people, especially with the Occupy Wall Street movement going strong throughout the country and world. It's a movement from the 99 percent of low- or middle-class citizens rebelling against the financial strength of the 1 percent of wealthy citizens – including those making million dollar bonuses on Wall Street. At least the executives work for a year and weren't paid $17 million to wed. Like Lewis and Clark, look west.

Everyone is upset about the economic instability of America, but think about the disproportionate salaries in Hollywood, or New York. Kim is paid $17 million to get married; Alex Rodriguez gets $27.5 Million dollars to play baseball and Leonardo DiCaprio earned $77 Million dollars for his movies.

You cannot blame them for taking the money though, anyone would. If a news organization came to you and offered to pay you $17 million dollars to record your wedding and put it on TV and in magazines, you would accept it almost automatically. How about playing baseball for a few months and earning $25 million dollars? You would think it was probably the easiest money to earn in the face of the Earth.

Entertainment is a valuable part of America, but why should they earn so much more than the people they entertain, maybe they should be reminded who truly pays their salaries, the people who watch their movies.

The economic structure of America is so flawed, with such unequal salaries between people in America, it is no wonder people are angry.

Maybe we should leave Wall Street and go occupy the Kardashian household. At very least, America would get a show, just hopefully not one seen on E.

-Josh Bassett

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REFLECTIONS ON RECENT EVENTS:

Quotes from Rowly Brucken, "facing Horror: Responding to Human Rights Atrocities",
October 20, 2011

"Reconciliation can mean many things to different people. Reconciliation to me means settling a conflict by certain means. This can also be an agreement or an understanding that will end the conflict. After a human atrocity this could look like a cordial understanding between both parties involved, but there will never be a full and true forgiveness for the act." –Kristi Holt

"Reconciliation is nearly impossible to achieve after human rights atrocities because of so many distinct differences between peoples' histories and perceptions of an atrocity. What may be beneficial to one may be detrimental to another. So reconciliation looks like the truth being discovered and restitution being offered, whether or not it is enough. Each atrocity requires different solutions to what the truth is and what restitution means, because no two situations are the same." –Christopher Williams

Quotes from Andrew Chaikin: Space Exploration from Earth to Mars, October 26, 2011

"Space travel is, to me, a waste of government money. I understand how people are interested in space travel but I don't feel it is a benefit for society as a whole. Going to Mars or making an international space station on the moon is not going to help humanity. Private companies like SpaceX are a great example of a private company surviving without the help of government money. Space travel is great but the government should not fund it." –Leah DelPezzo

"Space exploration is definitely worth discovering and continuing because there is a whole new world out there that so many people are curious about. There have already been many accomplishments through space exploration. Astronomers are always coming up with new and improved equipment and ideas. And on top of that, $3.1 billion a year seems like a lot but in reality it's much lower than other government expenses. They only spend 0.6% of every dollar spent of the government." –Mariah Lesure

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 17
Phi Eta Sigma: Deborah Alongi
"Life at the Edge: Adapt or Go Extinct?"
12:30pm, 1787 Room, Campus Center
Free, Tickets required

Professor Alongi presents her research, investigating how plants survive with life at the margins.

Monday, November 28
Roy Belcher, VT CARES
"HIV: Past, Present and Future"
6:30pm, 1787 Room
Free, Tickets required

Anti-Stigma Specialist for VT Cares, Mr Belcher speaks about the state of HIV today, locally and globally.

Tuesday, November 29
Ragamala- Arts in Residence,
12:30pm, Casella Theater
No tickets required

An introduction to Indian visual art traditions: Warli paintings and Kolam rice flour drawings by Ragamala Dance Ensemble.

Wednesday, November 30
Ragamala performance: Sacred Earth
7pm, Casella Theater
Tickets required
Adult: $15, Student: $12, Child: $10

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Arrested journalist speaks out in ethics class

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

There were police officers spread all around the perimeter of the house trying to process the remaining evidence on a Lake George crime scene. News teams had already begun to flood the scene along with several police cars and an ambulance was standing by.

Worried neighbors stood by the road watching police investigate the scene – and then a reporter was taken away in handcuffs.

On Nov. 2, professor David Blow brought that reporter, David Taube, 24, of Glens Falls, to Castleton as a guest speaker for his News Media Ethics class. While finishing up the chapter "Working with Sources," Taube was came to illustrate the importance of police-reporter relations.

Taube, a reporter for the Post-Star, was arrested on July 9 while reporting on a murder-suicide scene in Lake George.

An officer with the Warren County Sheriff's Department arrested him after he reportedly had refused orders to leave the area.

"It wasn't like I was interfering with the crime scene," Taube said to students, while explaining there was no police tape blocking him from the scene at the time of his arrest. "It was four hours after the crime had been reported."

Though he was not actually placed in a cell, Taube was fingerprinted and had a mug shot taken.

Taube was charged with obstruction of governmental administration, a misdemeanor, but was released in time to cover the department's press conference on the murder.

"He has an ego problem," said Warren County Sheriff Bud York in a phone interview with Blow, who provided transcripts to Taube and students of the conversation. "We've never had problems with news media ever."

According to York, Taube has a reputation with local police in the area for pushing it to the limit at crime scenes.

"I've had to be more careful on scenes," Taube said to the class adding that the incident otherwise has not crippled his career as a journalist in any way.

Students in the ethics class seemed to sympathize with Taube, with many saying he had done nothing wrong.

"I would've done the same thing," Castleton junior Hannah Messer said acknowledging that as a journalist Taube's job was to report the crime to inform the public.

But fellow student Annie Hartman was a little more skeptical.

"As a reporter it's important to choose your battles and respect authority," arguing that Taube may have crossed the line.

Overall the class took away an important message, that there is a fine line between pushing the envelope and overstepping the boundaries while out in the field. They learned that having cooperation from law enforcements can be vital to a journalist when reporting crime stories.

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Reporter David Taube speaks in David Blow's media ethics class.

"I like reporters who walk a tight rope," Blow commented during class, adding that in his 21 years of working with the Post Star, he has never seen a reporter arrested.

Blow encouraged his students to have drive when going out in the field and looking for stories.

"I look for guys who have a little bit of fire in their bellies when they are on the job," he said.

For Taube, the ordeal won't be over for w hile. Charges were dismissed in the case, but only if he avoids further trouble. With six months of good behavior and no more run-ins with local authorities, Taube said the charges will be "expunged" and leave him with no record.

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Built to resemble an old rustic barn, the new physical plant is very close to completion.

Physical plant building stirs old memories

By Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

Perched on the hill at the far side of the South Street parking lot is the new physical plant building that is expected to be completed in late November. Workers are putting the final touches on the $2 million building that will resemble a rustic Vermont barn.

What many people are unaware of is that the current building was originally built to house faculty offices, classrooms and a snack bar after Leavenworth Hall burned down in 1971.

"The physical plant was constructed because it was needed to temporarily provide everything Leavenworth Hall provided. It wasn't an ideal location, but what do you do when a building burns," said Dean of Academics Joe Mark.

Some Castleton professors fondly recall their days spent in the physical plant.

"I really liked that building because the intimacy and community the building encouraged. The snack room was in the center so you could sit and have coffee with a student instead of meeting in an office," English professor John Gillen said, humming to himself in between sentences.

Bill Kuehn, sociology and criminology professor, said he too has good memories of his office being located in the physical plant.

"In good weather we had keg parties for students and faculty Friday afternoons in the back outdoors. How things have changed," he said.

After Leavenworth was rebuilt, the physical plant building transformed into what it is today, with offices for all maintenance workers including plumbers, grounds keepers, electricians, carpenters and janitors. The new facility will provide these workers larger, more technologically equipped areas to perform their duties, said the head of the physical plant, Chuck LaVoie.

"It is specifically designed for us," he said.

The old facility will be demolished at a later date he said.

"We will relocate to the new building, demolish this building, fill in the dip and level it off, possibly build a small storage space out back," said LaVoie.

But there are bigger plans for the site as well, college officials said.

"A pavilion will be built that could fit 3,000 people. It could be used for large concerts. It will open up the gateway to the stadium," said Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman.

LaVoie said the new facility is far enough along where the interior walls have been put up and workers are painting and doing finish work inside and to the yard area as well. He said everyone can't wait to relocate to the new building.

"The nice part about the location of it is that it brings South Street to campus. Everyone's really excited about the new facility," said LaVoie.

Where did the waffles go?

By Matt Merritt
Castleton Spartan

Students at Castleton State College have been wondering what happened to the popular waffle maker in Huden Dining Hall?

Last year, the waffle maker was unveiled to students and available for use during all three meal periods. And it got used a lot. This year, however, it is only available during cafe hours in the afternoon and on weekends and students are bumming.

"It's a little disappointing" said senior Chris Fleury.

Sophomore Joe Beckert, who used the waffle maker often during meal times last year, is equally upset.

"I think they should have it available during meals. I loved using it last year. It was just another option to choose from," he said.

Michael Williams, the man in charge of dining services at Huden, said the waffle maker could not meet the demand of the students during meal times, so it has been restricted to café hours and all three meal periods on the weekends.

He did say, however, that he has proposed the idea of getting a second waffle maker at some point in the future.

But that can't come soon enough for sophomore Casey Babcock, who misses the waffle option at meal times.

"Get it back!" he said with a raised voice and his finger pointing for emphasis.

But not all students are upset at their restricted waffle intake.

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The waffle maker idles under the counter.

Ryan Cave, a junior lacrosse player, has a bit of a love-hate relationship with the waffle maker.

"I ate so many last year I could be sick!" Cave said.

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Martina Marchese & Sondra Olds

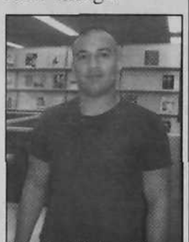
Question: How do you feel about the occupy Wall Street movement?

Amanda Schlott

"They're getting their point across but they're not really accomplishing anything."

Jonah Kaufman

"I'd say it's nice that they are doing it but it's not accomplishing anything because it's getting out of hand since no one is in charge."



Nick Tubolino

"People have the right to stick up for what they believe in and no one should stop that."

Cleveland Burwell

"It's entertaining because people are complaining about money while standing outside a building not working."

Record number of students enrolled in music dept.

By Spencer Hunt
Castleton Spartan

The music department at Castleton State College is more popular than ever.

"With 41 current enrolled music majors, not including the four graduate students and several minors, our music department is at an all time high," said department chairman Glenn Giles.

In recent years, Giles said the program had number in the low- mid 30s.

With all ensembles and bands expanding in numbers, Giles said the department seems to be pushing in a positive and successful direction -- and he said he's glad to be a part of it. And Giles stressed that the department isn't just working on campus.

The Jazz combos recently took a trip to perform in Chicago and the chorus recently got back from Italy where they performed in Rome and Venice. That trip happens every four years.

Giles said part of the reason for the growth might be that last year he added a high school honors festival to the program where nationally acclaimed directors are brought in and high school directors can nominate their students to attend and work with them. The event will be held on Jan. 27.

Quincy Hilliard will direct the band and Francois Clemens, perhaps better known as the friendly police officer on Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, will direct the chorus.

As the soul and funk of the Spartans football team, the marching band has also enjoyed increased student enrollment. From starting with around 20 members according to student Kate Cusson, the band has grown to nearly 50.

"The instrumentation throughout the marching band has grown so much over the last few years due to the high enrolment ... We now have more brass instruments, which is very important in a marching band," said Giles.

So what do the students who have been around think of the revamped and growing program?

"Big Improvement," said graduate student Tom Neeson when asked that question.

"I was here last year as a community player, and I can see how it has grown over the years and it's very exciting," said Neeson.

But while the program is growing, the Fine Arts Center building does not, which creates space issues, Giles said. He said two practice rooms are being used for a drum studio and an office.

"There are six practice rooms for the 40 of us in one day! It's so frustrating when I'm practicing and I get kicked out, because a lesson is being given in that room," said Cusson, a freshman piano education major.

The final and most frustrating space issue is storage. There are too few spaces for students to safely store expensive instruments, Giles said.

But Giles said he really isn't complaining.

"These are all growing pains and I am happy to have this issue where it is driven by increased interest in our program," said Giles.

Wellness center offering new "menu" items

By Jarrod Sammis
Castleton Spartan

Students at Castleton now have even more reasons enjoy sex safely, and they can be found in little brown paper bags priced between $1 and $5 in the Campus Center's Wellness Center.

Right next to the shelf holding these brown paper bags, there is a flyer boldly advertising "SAFER SEX SUPPLY MENU." The "Menu" provides information on a variety of products to satisfy any student's "protection" needs, male or female. It also offers products ranging from conventional condoms to female condoms, dental dams and lubricants.

Also for sale are niche products for those looking to spice up their encounters, including a condom called the "Night Light," which not only prevents pregnancy, STI's, and HIV -- it also glows in the dark.

And then there's the "ONE" condom, a latex condom where the purchase proceeds are donated to HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention causes in Africa.

The products are being sold for only what it costs the Wellness Center to buy them.

"We want to provide them for the students and it's at a discount," said Kate Spaulding of the Wellness Center.

Students interviewed were generally complimentary about the Wellness Center's "menu" plan.

"I support the sale because it's cheaper than going to the store to get them," said Victoria Phillips, a junior. "By selling them, it makes people think twice about how many they are getting. Hopefully this will also make people think twice about who they 'get with' because then they go, 'do I really wanna waste this condom on someone that I'm only gonna sleep with once?'"

Please pay at the window ☺
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This is the classic latex lubricated condom from Trojan. Why mess with a good thing, right?

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Condoms are for sale outside the wellness center.

Mark Cohen, also a junior, felt similar.

"I think it's very beneficial because the students need to at least try to practice safe sex. The ones that really want them have a place to go get the materials."

Spaulding said the "Safer Sex Supply Menu" is here to stay and has been gaining popularity.

No need to worry though. If you're short on cash for your condoms and other sexual protection needs, "Free condoms are still offered too," Spaulding said.

"We still offer choices – that's what we want!" she said.

For more information, you can contact the Wellness Center at 802-468-1346.

History club hosts occupy Wall Street roundtable meeting

By Elishia Fletcher
Castleton Spartan

Occupy Wall Street is becoming a global issue. Across the world, primarily middle and lower class citizens are protesting social and economic inequality, corporate greed, corruption and the influence of government.

Their slogan, "We are the 99 percent," references those who are struggling compared to the 1 percent who are wealthy.

So what does this all mean to Castleton State College?

"The 1 percent needs to stop being such greedy money hoarders and help out the rest of us more," said junior Rob Stover.

But student Amber Dumas has a different view.

"People need to deal with things like grownups. Besides, many of them are hippocrates. They buy things from companies they supposedly hate," she said.

To get more input on campus on the Occupy Wall Street movement, members of the History, Geography, Economics, and Politics Club are bringing a "round table" discussion about the movement to Herrick Auditorium on Nov. 17 at 12:30. Adam Chill, professor and member of the club, led a meeting on Oct. 27 to discuss the possibility of conducting such an event.

"This is a good example of what's a political and economic issue of today," he said at the meeting.

The club, formally the History Club, has been around for years. The name was recently changed, however, to include all four areas of study in the department.

"This club was formed to allow students and teachers the chance to discover new ideas, learn about significant events, engage in civic opportunities, and host events that demonstrate the importance of history, geography, economics, and political science," said member Keighan Chapman.

The Occupy Wall Street roundtable meeting is an example of what this club is trying to accomplish.

One professor from different departments will participate in the discussion by talking about the impact the movement has on each field. Invited professors include Judy Robinson, Carrie Waara, Rich Clark and Robert Wuagneux. Senior Kenzie McCain will moderate.

Wuagneux said he will talk about how real investigating isn't being done by the national media. With smartphones and Youtube, there is very little privacy and the public needs to be media literate to both sides of the issue.

"What you see is not necessarily what is going on, news can be fabricated by both sides," he said, "Many, many people, unions, and retirees were hurt when they trusted investors with their portfolios and life savings only to see their money evaporate. They were left with nothing while the "Fat Cats" were rewarded with payback for their reckless and greedy investment behaviors."

Students and community members are encouraged to come.

"This is focusing on political and economic issues of today. Anyone is invited to come and ask questions, but I want to stress that this is not a rally and will be student moderated," said Chill.

Wuagneux agrees.

"What is important is that the movement doesn't become one big rant without a focus. Make demands that are observable not abstract: guaranteed free health care, stop foreclosures... these things can be done. Protesting is the first step, action is the fulfillment!" he said.

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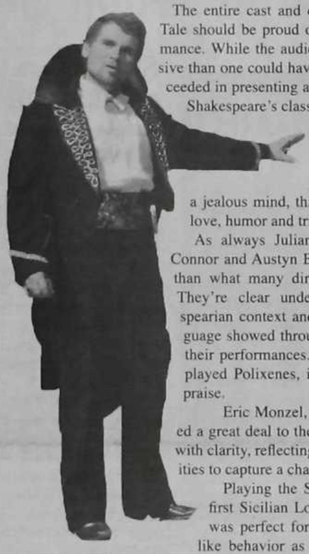
CSC students perform William Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale.

Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan



The entire cast and crew of The Winter's Tale should be proud of their Nov 9 performance. While the audience was less responsive than one could have hoped for, they succeeded in presenting a beautiful rendition of Shakespeare's classic work.

A tale of suspicion and betrayal, the passage of time and the dangers of a jealous mind, this story is also one of love, humor and trickery.

As always Julianne O'Connor, Sarah Connor and Austyn Bevins delivered more than what many directors could ask for. They're clear understanding of Shakespearian context and the flow of the language showed through in the intensity of their performances. Jeff Blanchette, who played Polixenes, is also worthy of this praise.

Eric Monzel, as Camillo, also added a great deal to the show. He performed with clarity, reflecting his own unique abilities to capture a character.

Playing the Shepard's son and the first Sicilian Lord, Andrew Donovan was perfect for his roles. His clown like behavior as the Shepard's son in contrast to his more serious role helped to showcase his talent, and add comic relief to contrast the more serious aspects of the tale.

Another partner in humor was Christopher R. Belanger, who embodied that of the rouge he played. His singing, his timing and his fitting facial expressions all moved the scenes forward with purpose. When he was on stage the audience seemed most responsive to his character.

Notable mention should go to many others in this production particularly Tyrone Davenport as the Shepard, Benjamin Villa, as Florizell, Meghan Hakey as Time, and Robynn Stanley, as Perdita. Another welcome treat to see outside of a classroom setting was Flo Keyes as the First Sicilian Lady.

What is the theatre experience if not for the costumes, the set design, the lights and the music? Although abstract, the modernism of both the costumes and the set played to the advantage of the story. Minimal and attractive, both succeeded in adding to the performance and sense of time period without being overly distracting. The same should be said about the music and the lighting.

The audience, however full of Soundings students, seemed as though they could have all used a spark-note session before they arrived for this established classic. With the whispers of "What's going on?" and the lack of enthusiasm to match the performance, it was a disappointing display. And although not everyone is raised with a sense of etiquette, when the lights go down between scenes, particularly powerful ones, you clap! After all, Shakespeare is about more than a man in a bear suit, farcing it up for one scene—which is one the audience did react to and clap for.

Enough praise can't be given to the actors for their performance. Shakespeare is not easy to speak in a coherent manner and at flowing pace, especially under pressure, in front of a crowd full of your peers.

BOOK REVIEW

By Wendy Young

When the doldrums rustle in, what better way to beat them than by going back and reading a childhood favorite book? One such book is *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Koinsburg.

Since it is a book meant for a younger audience, adults looking back on it will find it a quick and delightful read. The story is that of twelve-year-old Claudia Kincaid. Claudia feels that she is very unappreciated at home. To teach her parents a lesson in "Claudia Appreciation" she decides to run away.

Claudia is smart enough to realize that running away in the heat of anger won't last long enough to teach her parents a lesson, so she plans every detail carefully. First she chooses to run away to The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Then she chooses a companion to run away with her—her nine year old brother, Jamie. She he saved her allowance; since she intended to come back, she would need the return train fare as well as the fare to get to the museum in the first place.

The two of them head off to New York City. It takes them a few days to get into the habit of hiding at the museum, learning the schedule of the guards, and when the doors open and close to the public. They have just about settled in when a new exhibit is introduced to the museum—a statue of an angel. The museum had bought the statue at a bargain price, and was researching into the fact that the statue may or may not have been carved by Michelangelo. Claudia and Jamie, practically forgetting that they are runaways, get completely caught up in the mystery of who carved the statue.

Fine Arts Center hosts local artist's abstract art

By Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Abstract paintings and metal statues fill the Fine Arts Center Christina Price Gallery. The pieces are part of a new exhibit by local artist Lin Warren called "Light + Arc."

One of the paintings is a rectangle, half orange and half red and separated by a pink line with a red triangle at the bottom.

"The inspiration comes from nature, because I see a lot of repetition, a lot of color, a lot of texture," said Warren in a recent interview.

Warren further explained her work in a brochure available in the gallery saying "the intentional and direct purpose of my work is to be spontaneous and to approach an idea freshly, expressing for that moment."

Students and faculty seen in the Fine Arts Center said they appreciate Warren's art show.

"I think it's very aesthetically pleasing, space saving and modern," said Castleton student Jeff Blanchette.

Castleton's Art Department Chair Rita Bernatowitz agreed, saying "it's an interesting show."

The exhibit takes up most of the Fine Arts Center front lobby with paintings lining the walls and sculptures occupying the space between.

Warren said the show "took over two years" to complete and get ready for display.

Castleton student Mathew Bush, like the others interviewed, praised the show.

"I think it's an interesting use of space," said Bush.

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Lin Warren's art is on display in FAC.

Game Review: Battlefield 3 ★★★★
Call Of Duty Modern Warfare 3 ★★★★★

By Nick Minarik

The world of first person shooters has left gamers with a lot to talk about lately, with Battlefield 3 and Modern Warfare 3 coming out two short weeks apart. Since reviewing only one would make the fans of the other mad, here's a comparison.

First matter of business is the story. Many of you don't care an iota about the story and just want to hop right on multiplayer, but that doesn't mean a developer should get away with omitting a story mode.

There's no contest here. MW3 takes this one hands down, wrapping up (AND tying in) the first two games, complete with all the characters you've come to love. You might think Infinity Ward has lost their way with surprises at first, but you'll be proven wrong in no time. The writing and voice acting are great, epic setpieces abound, and it's absolutely gorgeous.

Battlefield, on the other hand, took a tired premise and added it to brand new characters who aren't developed, and to top it all off, it's all a FLASHBACK. Man in an interrogation room being pressed to recall his military past? Sounds familiar, I think I played it on Xbox in 2006 when Black came out, then I avoided it by not buying Black Ops, and now EA decided it wasn't beaten to death yet. To top it off, there's more unnecessary Godd*** cursing than I could ever m******f****** think of how to f****** explain, and it's glitchy to boot.

Now for what most of you care about: the multiplayer. This time I'll start with Battlefield.

If you like vehicles and absolutely massive 64-player battles, this is the game to go with. The maps are beautiful and detailed (more so on the PC version), and the vehicles add a lot of diversity in typical Battlefield style. It runs surprisingly smoothly for having so many combatants, and that alone makes it noteworthy. The weapon customization system is also great, although one assault rifle starts to feel like the next after a while. Overall, this game has a more impressive multiplayer offering, although console players will be disappointed with halved maps and the need to pay 10 bucks for a new multiplayer code if you're buying it used.

Modern Warfare 3 sticks to its tried-and-true six-a-side formula for most gametypes, and it works well. The textures have all received an upgrade, and the guns sound much more realistic, whereas in MW2 they tried a bit too hard to make them all sound unique. The major changes here include the killstreak loadout options, which will leave you completely lost. The first time a tiny helicopter flies in front of you you'll probably be confused, and I know I freaked out when I saw FIVE helicopters flying in on the radar. Overall, if you like the Modern Warfare series, this is more of what you love and then some.

While it's impossible to go into enough detail for both games in 600 words, I'll sum it up for you. If you want the entire game experience, go with MW3, no question. This trilogy ends with a bang, and it's a great sense of closure. If all you care about is massive multiplayer battles, go for Battlefield, and stick with PC.

If you're mad that I rated MW3 higher, consider this: I'm rating the whole game, and not just multiplayer. Battlefield's complete failure on campaign earns it one star lower, and gives Modern Warfare 3 the easy recommendation.

Second zombie event already in the works

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call went out for all zombies to congregate on the campus green to hunt in a pack.

"I got sidetracked by a zombie and my gun jammed," said Davenport removing his orange bandana from his arm and tying it to his forehead to signal his defeat. "I don't really care, it's fun either way. This shit is real!"

The weeklong event was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association to promote more student activities on campus. On Oct. 30, more than 90 students gathered in Castleton Hall to sign up for the game, but continual sign-up would boost that number to 130.

Players lined up to receive their I.D. cards and a copy of the game rules -- and to show off their collections of Nerf Guns they would be using in the fight against the undead.

Coordinator of student activities Melissa Paradee says events like this are important for the campus.

"It was a really bizarre, but exciting event," said Paradee, who hopes the event jump-starts other bonding events. "A lot of students like the concept of an apocalyptic battle, and being around Halloween it really allowed students to step out of reality."

For students like Justin Happel, acting like a zombie was a welcome distraction from the mundane reality of schoolwork.

"I'm living a horror fantasy! Plus I get to act like a 12-year-old" said Happel who sent the e-mail prompting the already infected players to meet and work together.

Throughout the week, students could be seen in between classes racing to and from classes, chasing each other down and ambushing unsuspecting players in the game of freeze tag with a twist. Many human players congregated in the Fine Arts Center turning it into a makeshift base, and even going so far as painting their faces with camouflage.

Jacob LaBounty was the first to be "infected," but reveled in his zombie role.

"I wanted to ruin their days!" said LaBounty xgleefully. Moments later he bounded down the sidewalk in front of the library tagging out a human and jumping over the brick divider to avoid retaliating Nerf fire, which would render him useless for 15 minutes.

Zombie craze

But Castleton State isn't the only place in the world where zombies have taken over. Campuses and institutions all across America and even Europe are donning camouflage and loading their foam bullets to take part in the massively popular game.

But beyond the game, it is virtually impossible to go anywhere without encountering the zombie culture in some way.

Popular books such as *World War Z* and *The Zombie Survival Guide* have become best sellers for those fearful of a zombie pandemic.

Popular movies like *Night of the Living Dead*, the patriarch of zombie films, television shows such as *The Walking Dead* and especially videogames reach out to an even greater audience than that.

CSC film professor Roy Vestrich said zombies can tell us a lot about what is happening in our culture.

"It's tribal storytelling that's been around as long as there has been story telling," said Vestrich.

In spring of 2008, a strong interest in zombies was what led to the creation of a student produced zombie film in one of Vestrich's classes. The piece featured Zombies taking over a college facility in a similar fashion to the Humans vs. Zombies event, he said.

"They are partially us, and they are not us," said Vestrich discussing their appeal. "Zombies cross all cultural barriers. They're an equal opportunity flesh eater."

A recent study done by Oxford University's Internet Institute created a visual map of the phrase "Zombie" showing where on Earth the highest concentrations of the term were used. Not surprisingly North America and Europe were displayed as having the greatest concentration, while Africa, the country from where the tern originally came from, had the least.

The final battle

On Nov. 3 just before dusk, students playing the game were asked to meet in front of Ellis Hall on campus to receive instructions on the final battle to determine the winners.

In fewer than 20 minutes, the roughly 25 remaining human survivors were to reach four locations on the residential side of campus and collect four ribbons before returning to Ellis to make the antidote. Zombies could tag players anywhere but the front of the buildings and could only be frozen for two minutes.

Members of the Castleton community, both students and staff alike, came out to watch in awe as a massive free-for-all of Nerf darts and screams engulfed the campus.

The remaining humans started off strong, banding into tight-knit circle and making their way through campus feverously chanting an "Everywhere we go-oh!" song. However, by the end of the day, only eight humans survived against the onslaught of the undead hoard.

Theater Professor Harry McEnerny, who was a strong supporter of the event since its inception, was one of those looking on during the final battle.

"How can anyone not like zombies!" said McEnerny cheerfully. "The event was well organized, and it happened the way that you would think that an actual zombie Apocalypse would go down."

A second game is already in the works for spring semester.

Guess who played Sparty?

VYTO STARINSKAS / RUTLAND HERALD

It's Castleton State president Dave Wolk. Wolk was asked to be Grand Marshal in the parade for the past two years, but declined because of obligations. This year at the parade they wanted to honor those who helped with hurricane Irene clean up by having them at the front of the parade. Wolk was told the marching band could be up front with him, and that he had the option to dress like them, if he wanted. However, "in the interest of the college," Wolk said he opted not to dress like Lady Gaga, and went as Sparty instead!

Drug violations decreased in 2010

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the burglaries that happened on campus. He was later arrested in his hometown for stealing and the student no longer attends Castleton, Godlewski said.

Regarding the drinking violations, Godlewski said the majority of violations that occur on campus regarding alcohol are usually one-time offenders.

"A student will drink too much, cause trouble, and as a result Public Safety is notified to make sure first and foremost that no one is in danger and then take further measures if need be. Less than 3 percent of the students with a violation get another violation," Godlewski said.

Mat Roulier, a senior, believes that a lot of the violations are due to lack of experience.

"I think the biggest problem is kids just don't know their limits when it comes to drinking; especially freshmen. Trouble happens when you drink more than you can handle," he said.

Castleton offers services for students to help build their knowledge on the dangers of alcohol abuse including counseling, clubs and of course the resources that public safety offers.

"My door is always open. If any students have problems, feel free to come and talk to us. We're not out to get the students in trouble. Our job is to make sure everyone is safe. We don't go out looking for trouble, trouble finds us," Godlewski said.

Students attend vigil

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were too upset. On the opposite end, even those who didn't know Dagle well, showed up at the vigil to support the community in their time of need.

"I only knew him as an acquaintance, but it doesn't take many degrees of separation to have somebody's death affect you," said junior Megan Harris as she cried.

The Wellness Center has free, walk-in professional counseling available to those who may need someone to talk to in this tragic time. There will be a memorial service for Dagle, but details have yet to be determined.

"I encourage you all to reach out to support each other," Wolk said.

It's clear from the number of students who attended that Brian Dagle will truly be missed.

Castleton officials don't remember Ludwig

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tive for a number of weekly papers both in Vermont and New York, according to Mark Brady, General Manager of the Addison Eagle in Middlebury.

Brady said that Ludwig also works at and travels to Middlebury a couple times a week to work as a representative there as well. He said he has worked closely with Ludwig for the past year, and was shocked to learn of the robberies.

"I hired her originally, and worked very closely with her," said Brady. "We thought she was excellent. We all were very fond of her and liked working with her very much ... I can assure you that what she is accused of came as a shock to all of us."

Brady noted that he and his colleagues noticed no suspicious behavior from her whatsoever.

According to the Burlington Free Press, Ludwig walked into the bank, presented a note to the teller demanding money and left with an undisclosed amount of money. The article noted that after Ludwig left with the money, a local barber said he saw her park, walk from her car through an alley, and return to the vehicle with the bag of money - which was then emitting a purple smoke from an exploded dye-pack placed in the bag by the teller.

The barber then reported the car's license plate to police, which was found less than two hours later at Paul's Pizza.

The Post-Star reported that the two are currently being held in Marble Valley Correctional Facility in Rutland, Vt., since their arraignment in Rutland District Court. They will also be charged in New York for the Granville robberies, although no timetable is currently available.

John Maynard

Spring registration begins at CSC

Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

It's 11:45 p.m. You log on, select all your classes, put all information in the right boxes, and at 11:59 you hold your finger on the left mouse button. The clock strikes midnight, you click submit as fast as you can, and wait, hoping it doesn't crash.

It's registration time at CSC, a time that most students dread because of the system the VSC schools have.

"It sucks. I was at VTC and it still crashed at 12," said sophomore Brittany Nolan.

Janel Campbell thinks that the setup of the online system is stressful .

"I hate doing things online. I prefer to do it sitting face to face," Campbell said.

She also thinks it's like a fight for students to get the classes they're required to take.

Some students, like Jennifer Martell, couldn't register online due to a hold on her account.

"Luckily I was able to get signed into all of my classes," Martell said.

But as you get up in class rank it gets easier. Junior Katelin Moyer had no complaints about her registration this year but she knows the system crashed for others just after she registered.

However, she doesn't like how late registration is.

"I hate staying up all night," Moyer said.

It isn't just students that dread this week. Merle Bronson in the registrars office dreads it because of the physical toll it takes on her. She needs to plan everything ahead of time because she knows she'll be exhausted when she gets home. It isn't all bad for her though; she enjoys the time where she actually sees the students. She is always willing to help them figure out a schedule.

Bronson's biggest complaint, aside from students who don't have their cards completely filled out, is when the computers glitch. It's very time consuming.

"Registration is difficult for everyone, that's just the nature of the beast," said Bronson.

Student input needed for poll

Castleton Spartan teams up with Polling Institute

The *Castleton Spartan* is teaming up with the newly formed Castleton Polling Institute to find out what CSC students think about the current state of the economy and about who is leading our country.

But for this poll to be successful and for the *Spartan* to be able to accurately report on the findings of the student body, the student body needs to participate.

zaSo the staff at the Spartan asks that you take the estimated five minutes when the e-mail hits your inbox to fill it out. For the most part, it's simply a matter of clicking boxes.

The poll e-mail will be sent out to all students today and we ask that you not let it sit. We plan to write a story based on the results in the final issue next month. The data may also be used by Polling Institute Director Rich Clark at an upcoming conference on polling.

Please help us make this first poll a true representation of Castleton students. Thanks in advance.

Husson defeats Spartans in NAC finals

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The Field Hockey team's season ended abruptly on Nov.2 as they lost to Husson University in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) semifinals 1-0 Oct. 2 at Spartan stadium.

Husson didn't wait to score the game's first and only goal as Sabrina Vaillancourt scored 4:44 into the game on an assist from Kara Poirier.

Even though the Spartans lost, they dominated the game for the most part, taking 36 shots to Husson's 10.They also took 25 penalty corners compared to Husson's two. Bridget Dusha made seven saves in the loss, and Kristen Capen made 16 saves.

"Very disappointing game. We dominated the play but lost 1-0," head coach Tammy Landon said. "It was a bad loss."

The Spartans had their best season in terms of scoring in Landon's tenure this year, scoring 71 goals in 20 games, which beat out the old record of 70 goals in 22 games.

"We had a great regular season," Landon said. "Our performance and talent level grew tremendously over the year."

It definitely showed as the Spartans were well represented on the conference teams with four players (Kealy Chipman, Rachel Preusser, Mercedes Maltbie and Stephanie Bardell) making the first team of the NAC All-Conference teams. Shannon Burns also made the second team of the NAC All-Conference.

Preusser was named the 2011 NAC Field Hockey player of the year. Kristy Pinkham was honored as the top rookie in the NAC, and Landon was named of coach of the year for the fourth time in her eight years.

But even during the best of seasons there are bumps in the road.

"We definitely want some games back," Landon said. "We have to win every winnable game. We shouldn't be saying maybe or almost."

With a record of 12-8 and a good run in the playoffs, it is hard to be upset with any of the season, though.

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Spartan midfielder Shannon Burns manuevers the ball away from Husson player.

"This is a very talented team," Landon said with a smile. "One of the most talented teams I have ever coached."

Big hopes for men's hoops

By Kristie Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

Despite losing key offensive players, Coach Paul Culpo has high expectations for men's basketball squad this season.

"The team looks great. Everyone has been working hard. It is a great group to coach," Culpo said.

The Spartans held a 15-12 record last season, and they made it all the way to the North Atlantic Conference semifinals. The team returns with a solid nucleus, including junior Mark Comstock, who led the team in scoring last season, averaging 14 points a game and shooting .520 from the field.

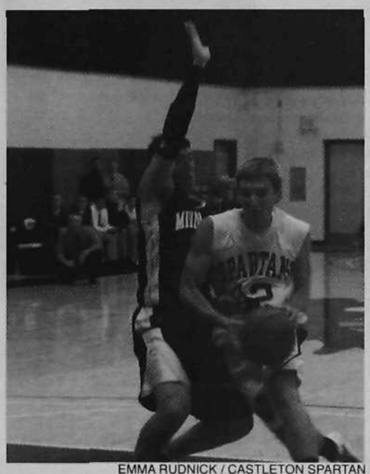
Senior point guard Greg Hughes also returns. Hughes was one of two players to start all 27 games last season and averaged 6.8 points per game, leading the team with 61 assists and 40 steals.

In addition to his eight returners, Culpo has seven incoming players.

"All the new players are coming along. Mark Pryzblkowski has a broken hand so that has limited him, but everyone else is learning and growing," Culpo said.

Hughes agreed with his coach about the new players' progress.

"The freshmen are looking good and are excited to be a part of this year's team. It seems like all of them have a good chance of doing well this year," Hughes said.



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Spartan gaurd Matt Cooney dribbles past a defender.

Hughes is eager for the season to start and said the team, despite lacking size, is using its strengths to its advantage.

"This year is going to be different than any other year at Castleton. We are small and using that to our advantage. Run and gun," Hughes said. "I think our biggest weakness is going to be our biggest strength, shooting. If we are on, then we are good. If not, it could get rough."

Culpo said the team will play a lot more man-to-man this season than they have in the past.

"The size of teams doesn't factor into what we do. We worry about ourselves and try to impose our will on the opponent," Culpo said.

The Spartans tied for fourth in the pre-season coaches' poll, but Culpo believes his team has a good chance at making it all the way to the NAC championship.

"We have been very close both years I have been here, so I don't see why we wouldn't be a factor," Culpo said.

The Spartans opened their season on Tuesday Nov. 15 and will play their first home game on Saturday Nov. 19 against Worcester.

EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Christine Jaques tries to beat a defender during a game last season.

Spartans look to dominate NAC

By Andrew Muse
CastletonSpartan

The women's basketball team looks to continue its winning ways this season with a number one ranking in the North Atlantic Conference .

"We expect to get every team's best effort," head coach Tim Barrett said. "Because we are ranked number one, we have a sort of target on our backs."

With every new season players leave and new ones come to take their place. Sometimes that leaves uncertainty, but this season Barrett is confident in his returning players and new freshman.

"We lost two players to graduation," Barrett said. "But we have four returning starters and eight total returning players, so we have a very solid group."

Of those returning starters, Alyssa Leonard was the NAC rookie of the year, Kelly Conway was the NAC defensive player of the year, and Vanessa Powers was on the NAC first team All-Conference team.

This year, the Spartans also brought in a good recruiting class with four new freshman players.

"We recruited talented, all-around players," Barrett said.

Among those joining the team this season are Meghan O'Sullivan and Jade Desroches, who both stood out in a recent scrimmage the team had.

"Both played very well at the scrimmage," Barrett said. "They both had great games."

Last year the Spartans made it all the way to the NAC finals, but they on the wrong end of the 67-53 game against Husson.

"We lost last year in the conference finals to a tough Husson team," Barrett said. "And this year they are strong again."

But this year the team's main focus is more about themselves than Husson.

"We want to focus on competing," Barrett said. "Playing hard, smart and minimizing mistakes."

Barrett has high hopes for his team this year and is confident in them.

"We need to get better every day," he said. "And play our best basketball at the end of the year."

Women's hockey gets first win of the season

By Steve Hagemann
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton State College women's hockey team split its home-opening weekend with a loss to Norwich University and a shutout victory over St. Michaels College.

On their home opener Friday, Nov. 4 the Spartans lost a big one against an always-tough Norwich team.

The Cadets topped the Spartans 4-0, keeping the women's hockey team winless on the season. Despite the loss, Castleton goalkeeper Katharyn Dembowski had a tremendous game between the pipes, denying 49 of Norwich's 53 shots.

But the weekend wasn't over for the women's hockey team as they would face off against St. Michaels College the following day.

It was another strong performance by Dembowski as she registered her first shutout and win of the season when Castleton blanked St. Michaels 1-0.

Dembowski recorded 30 saves on the night.

The one and only goal of the game came early in the third period, when Jade Werger scored the game-winning goal just two minutes into the period.

The assist came from Castleton forward Hanna Martini.

With almost the entire third period left, the Castleton defense held its own against the oncoming attacks from the Purple Knights' skaters.

With the win against St. Michaels, first-year head coach Bill Bowes also picks up his first win as the Castleton's women's hockey coach.

The rewards didn't stop there for the Spartans either.

Dembowski was named Eastern College Athletic Conference Goalie of the Week. Her stats from the weekend included a 1-1 record, 79 saves and a .952 save percentage.

The 1-3 Castleton Spartans hit the ice again this weekend with a game on Nov. 18 at Plymouth State and another one on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Southern Maine.

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Eileen Coyne recieves a pass in game last season.

The girl behind the goals

By Hanna Messer
Castleton Spartan

JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Above: Player's celebrate Chadburn's goal. Below: Chadburn takes a shot on goal.

As the through ball from teammate Hilary Cooke split the two Husson defenders, Courtney Chadburn made the one-time shot, bending it like Beckham to put it right over the goalie's hands and into the back of the net.

Instantly she ran to the corner flag and began shimmying into her celebration dance as the crowd went wild.

It was the game-winning goal that sent the Spartans into the conference finals against Husson, but it was just another goal for Chadburn. Just weeks before, Chadburn had broken the record of the most goals scored by a Castleton player, scoring her 80th overall.

"I was glad I got it over with, because it seemed like other people were more into the record breaking than I was," Chadburn said with a sigh. "It was good to get it over with so I would stop hearing about it."

Chadburn, a Vermont native from North Clarendon, is a player who doesn't care about her stats. According to her father, Randy Chadburn, who has coached her since childhood and his now an assistant coach for the Castleton women's team, she is the ultimate team player and always has been.

Turn Back the Clock

As a young girl growing up in the farm country of Clarendon, Courtney could always be found outside with a soccer ball attached to her foot, her father said.

"She's more comfortable on the field," said Randy. "The field is like her home. She will go out in the yard, crank the tunes and just play for hours. That's how she develops her skills, that's how she has fun."

On the field, Courtney has always been surrounded by family. Carisa, her older sister, who is just two years older than her, also played at Castleton, and for two years they were teammates.

"It was more of a blessing than a burden," Courtney said when asked about playing with her sister. "We always talked about the game, but there was little conflict because I was a forward and she was a defender. It was nice always having her there."

Having her father always around on the sidelines was a gift as well, according to Courtney. She was always anxious for his feedback, but Randy said it was typically a couple days after the game had ended or just after the heat of the battle, that he would give input.

"I'm her father first, her friend second, and her coach third," he said. "She puts a lot of pressure on herself, I didn't want to add to that."

Off the Field

But what does Castleton's all-time leading goal scorer do when she isn't playing or thinking about soccer?

Well, one of her favorite things to do is watch the Jersey Shore.

"I love Vinny, he's my favorite," Courtney confessed. "My teammates pick on me because you'd think I wouldn't like something like that, but it gives us common ground to talk about things other than soccer."

Friends and family say Courtney is also very determined and driven not only in soccer, but in school and in life in general.

She was recently named as a member of the COSIDA Capital One Academic All-District First Team. She is the first Castleton student-athlete to receive this honor. The physical education major maintains a cumulative 3.96 GPA, helping her team maintain a 3.58 GPA in the 2010-2011 season, the highest out of any Castleton sports team.

"She's an unbelievable player AND student," said coach Chris Chapdelaine, emphasizing the and. It's not surprising that ti her free time, Courtney says she does a lot of schoolwork, and she also reads.

The Records

Courtney has had numerous accomplishments over her four years as a player at Castleton. In her time, she has scored 85 goals, and she has also tallied 41 assists. She was named NAC rookie of the year in 2008, and has been on the NAC 1st team for three years. She has been on the ECAC 1st team and the ECAC all New-England team. She has been the NAC player of the year four years in a row now. She has also led Castleton in goals and in points in her first three seasons, and leads them this year as well. She was also on the NAC All-Tournament team in 2010.

Despite the achievements and success, her teammates say you wouldn't know it by talking to her.

"She's such an awesome role model. If I ever needed help or advice, I could always count on Court. She's an outstanding player and is always looking to help others," said freshman teammate Jenna Bostwick.

Teammates Halie Roberge and Kelsey Garceau couldn't agree more. Courtney was best described as determined by both teammates and her head coach as well.

"I was so happy for her when she broke the record," Chapdelaine said. "She put in the work to being the best that she can be and scoring goals is the product of that."

Her father thought the same.

"I'm…just so proud of her," said Randy, hesitating with a shaky voice.

Her Time is Winding Down

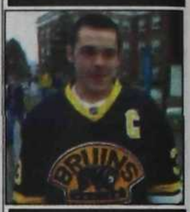
As a senior with only one semester left, Courtney is a little reflective these days. Her soccer career is ending and the real world is calling. But she seems readu, and thankful for her time at CSC.

"The most special thing is the friendships I was able to gain and the new people I have met along the way. Without soccer, I don't think I would have some of the friends I do," said Courtney. "It's the best thing about my four years here."

And having accomplished so much, Courtney has mixed feelings about her final collegiate season coming to an end.

"It's really going to hit me next summer/fall. I'm going to stop and think, 'wait, aren't I supposed to be in pre-season right now?'" Chadburn said with a smile. "Thanks for reminding me."

Sports Talk



Kyle Turner

What is there that you cannot say about Courtney Chadburn? She has led the women's soccer team to two-straight North Atlantic Conference titles, she has scored at least 20 goals a season since coming to Castleton in 2008, and she also holds the record for most goals scored at Castleton with 86.

Oh, and by the way, she also happens to have a cumulative GPA of 3.96, which got her named to the COSIDA Capital One Academic All-District First Team. Chadburn is the first Castleton student-athlete to receive this honor, and she is also eligible in voting for the Academic All-America team, which will be announced on Tuesday, Nov. 29. To be able to perform on the field at that level and in the classroom is no easy feat.

Chadburn was also named the NAC Women's Soccer Player of the Year for the fourth-straight season, amassing a league-best nine assists in conference play on top of her seven goals, totaling 23 points.

Can you imagine what it will be like when Chadburn leaves Castleton?

"I think you can go back and ask Phil Jackson that question about Michael Jordan. Court is like our Michael Jordan," said coach Chris Chapdelaine. "I don't think anyone will ever surpass her in points. I don't think anyone will ever surpass her in goals, and I know no one will surpass her in the classroom."

Chapdelaine won Coach of the Year honors for leading his team to a perfect 9-0 record in the NAC for the second-straight season. It is the fourth time in his seven years of being at Castleton that he has been honored.

I think it is safe to say that both Chadburn and Chapdelaine are shoeins for the Castleton Athletics Hall of Fame sometime down the road when they are "eligible." And for a head coach to compare a player to Michael Jordan, that's pretty heavy. It shows how important she has been, not only to the team, but also to this school.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly where we recap all of the Spartan athletic events and give you previews of upcoming games. You can like us on Facebook at, Spartan Sports Weekly and can also follow us on Twitter at SprtnSporWeekly.

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The womans soccer team poses for a photo after their NAC victory.

Women repeat as NAC Champs

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The women's soccer team's 2011 season finally came to an upsetting end on Nov 12, as it was defeated 3-1 in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Amherst College.

At the end of the first half, Amherst was leading by a score of 3-0. However, 12 minutes into the second half, Courtney Chadburn got the Spartans back into the game, scoring on a ball from Kelsey Lenney. Unfortunately it was the Spartans only goal of the game.

Amherst outshot Castleton 29-8 in the game, while CSC Keeper Ericka Davis made 13 saves. Amherst goalie Allie Horwitz only made two saves.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Spartans defeated third-seeded Husson College in the North Atlantic Conference final game, winning the conference championship for the second year in a row.

Chadburn was the hero again in the game as she scored the winning goal on a beautiful through pass from Hilary Cooke, which split the defenders. Chadburn gave it the perfect one-time touch to send it sailing into the back of the net.

This picture-perfect goal was just what was needed to give the Spartans the 1-0 victory to beat Husson. The Spartans had many opportunities to score, outshooting Husson 28-5. Husson goalie Jessica Poulin made seven saves in the game while Davis only had to make one save to get the victory.

The NAC All-Tournament team was announced, consisting of five players from Castleton; Davis, Sarah Ethier, Lenney, Kelly Tetreault and Chadburn, who received MVP honors for the tournament.

Stephanie Huntley and Abby Wills from Colby Sawyer, Emily Girard and Veronica Hytner on New England College, and Amanda Gifford and Alexandra Laniewski from Husson were also on the team.

This season, the Spartans scored 71 goals against their opponents, while only allowing 15 goals on the entire season. This game ends their season at 17-5, making this their most successful season to date.

Spartans football season comes to a close

By Peter Jomes
Castleton Spartan

Saturday Nov. 12 the Spartans lost to the Mount Ida Mustangs 34-54, marking the end of the Spartans third season.

Many Castleton players were at the top of Eastern Collegiate Football Conference statistics. Junior quarterback Shane Brozowski completed 233 passes for 2682 yards for the season. His go-to receiver was sophomore Brandon Boyle, who averaged over 104 yards per game. Junior running back Tyler Carpenter scored the most points of any player in the ECFC with 96 points this season.

Head Coach Mark Klatt said that he would rather be celebrating a conference championship, but that he still considers it a successful season.

"I'm proud of these guys," said Klatt. "I cannot thank the seniors we celebrated last week enough. We have guys leaving that have been with us since the program started."

A week earlier, the Spartans won their final home game of the season against Husson University 40-20. Seniors Derek Lay, Dennis Furman, Phil Hall, Mike McIsaac, Justin Leombruno, Matt Bijas, Anthony Simms and Chris Kiernan were honored for Castleton's first-ever senior day.

Family members were present with flowers, and a bio was read about each senior as they celebrated their final home game at midfield.

"I had my mom and girlfriend," Simms said. "Its weird, it flew by really quick."

Bijas said that the gratitude from his fellow teammates was important to him.

"They had all the underclassmen come up and wish you well. It meant a lot," Bijas said.

Each week its tradition for a player who inspires the team to carry out the Green Mountain flag at the beginning of the game. Seniors lead out the team with the flag for senior day.

"It was an incomparable experience," McIsaac said.

Castleton went 4-6 overall and 3-4 in the ECFC. Klatt said that the best is still to come for the Spartan football program, and he wanted to thank the Castleton fans and community for their tremendous support.

"At the end of the season, you always look and see what things you want to do better. It's an evaluation time," Klatt said. "I just want to thank [the players] for all the commitment and hard work they put into our program."

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Wolk may wear pinstripes for blood

By Catherine Trudell
Castleton Spartan

Would you like to see one of the Boston Red Sox's most faithful fans wear a Yankee shirt? Even if you're a Red Sox fan, it may be entertaining to watch President Dave Wolk battle the onslaught of playful comments from students and faculty for one very long school day.

"I am a diehard Red Sox Fan," said President Dave Wolk. "I get the shakes about wearing the Yankees Uniform — but it's for a good cause."

If 100 Castleton State College students, faculty or staff members give blood at the Gift-of-Life Marathon in Rutland on Dec. 20, Wolk has agreed to wear the Yankee stripes.

"It's a wonderful cause and I would do anything to help them. So frankly, I'm hoping I will have to wear the uniform," said Wolk. "Now I did promise them it won't be in the dark of night or the day after Christmas when no one was here. But it'll be a day when there's a lot going on."

The Gift-of-Life Marathon started in 2003 and has raised more and more blood every year. The Rutland blood drive held the New England record for a one-day community blood drive for three straight years, and then battled back and forth with Boston from 2007-2010 for the lead.

"I don't think most people understand what a big deal this is for Rutland to have held the record," says Victoria Angis, director of Student Life. Last month, Manchester, N.H. broke the New England record — and the national record, with 1,968 pints. This month Rutland hopes to beat the national record by collecting at least 1,969 pints.

Dec. 20 is the second to last day of exams. Organizers have

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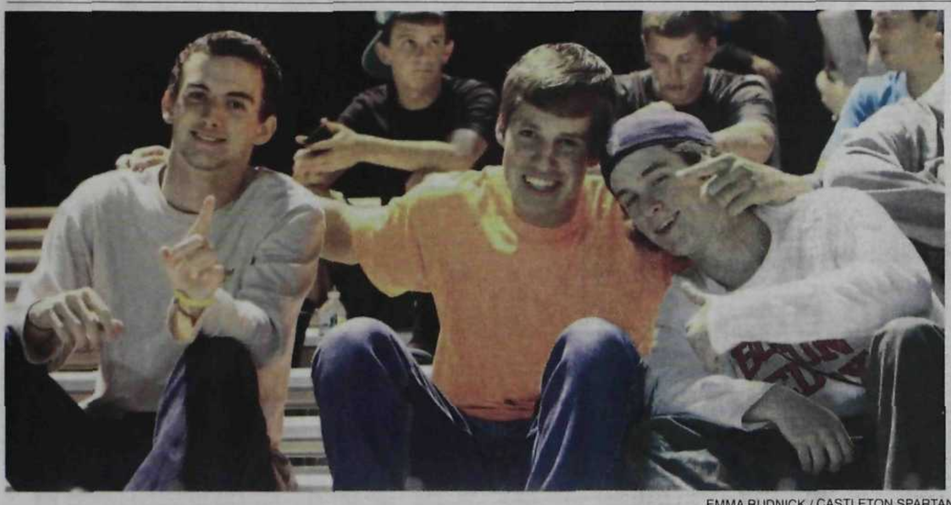
A likeness of President Dave Wolk is shown in a Yankees shirt. Wolk said "they Photoshopped the whole thing. I look kinda bulked up there."



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From left to right: Jack O'Connor, Rob Bresnan, and Brian Dagle. O'Connor and Bresnan were housemates of Dagle.

Memorializing Brian

Editor's note: *In his feature writing course, communication professor David Blow proposed an opportunity for his students to do some "meaningful journalism" addressing the issue of suicide after the recent death of student Brian Dagle. The class accepted and the resulting stories and editorials were given to The Spartan staff to use, along with a video on castletonspartan.com. Nearly everyone has been touched by suicide and this effort was an attempt to shed light on the issue, not shield it or glorify it.*

By Hannah Messer and Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Brian Dagle was best known for having boundless enthusiasm in everything he did. When swimming, he'd jump off the highest cliff, just to do it. He was the first to talk to people no one else knew and friends say he was the most giving person they knew.

"Always, these random burst of energy. Sometimes we would be sitting there just listening to a song and he would just start jamming on his own in the middle of a song," said close friend Alex West. "He always got so crazy."

But there was a darker side not everybody saw. Dagle suffered from depression. Sometimes his vibrant personality slowly diminished. He began isolating himself. Schoolwork became unbearable. Relationships became strained. And then on Nov. 12, the Castleton State College sophomore committed suicide.

A change

Last winter, Dagle and his friends managed to get lost in unmarked glades on Killington.

Travis Hudson, his close friend and housemate, told the story at memorial for Dagle saying they were lost for two hours "and had no idea where we were going or how we were going to get out."

"Dagle was the only one who didn't even care, he wasn't concerned," said Rob Bresnan, another close friend, during a recent gathering of his friends and housemates.

Killington was a happy place for Dagle. He enjoyed filming his friends and "just cruised down the hill," said Bresnan. At the end of the 2011 season, however, Dagle slowly stopped snowboarding.

"That was part of his depression though," said Hudson, "It's just part of the cycle, I guess. When you think back on it, that wasn't him, not going to the mountain. He got pale and skinny."

He slowly stopped hanging out with his friends as much, and began to stress over stuff that he never worried about, friends said. He stressed over the amount of schoolwork he had, relationships, stuff that never fazed him before.

"He would say to me, 'I've got too much to do man,'" said Hudson.

Dagle began isolating himself. He didn't abandon his friends, but he kept to himself in his room forcing friends to go there just to see him.

Still, friends said they

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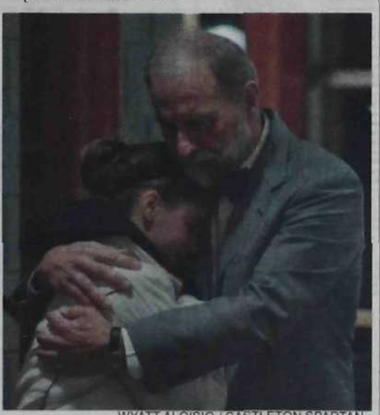

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Dean Joe Mark comforts Sarah Aiello at Brian Dagle's memorial.

Poll reveals students' indifference

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Only a third of Castleton students feel they can make any meaningful difference in politics, according to a recent poll by the newly established Castleton Polling Institute. The poll was conducted last month using an e-mail questionnaire and received 134 responses.

Students say the reason they can't make a difference is because they feel powerless in a political system that's broken. Their perceived lack of knowledge and general lack of interest also adds to their feeling of helplessness.

"No one would care what I have to say; they are worried about their own agenda," wrote one respondent, provided by Polling Institute Director Richard Clark.

Upon hearing the results, other Castleton students seemed unsurprised, saying they felt the same way.

"That doesn't surprise me. I'm actually surprised it was that high," said senior Nicole Mastropasqua.

Junior Zack Racenet agreed.

"Basically, the human race is fucked," he said with a laugh.

English professor Andrew Alexander said he often sees the feeling of political powerlessness in his students' persuasive and argumentative writing.

"They have hard time seeing how they can make a difference," Alexander said.

Other poll results showed Castleton students have much less confidence in the military, organized religion, the police and the presidency than the general public.

Clark, the Polling Institute head who is also a political science professor, said he too expected student indifference - but it certainly doesn't make him happy.

"It's what we would expect, sadly. I'm not saying it's a good thing. I'd love to see it change," Clark said.

He also offered up a few tips on how to get students more politically involved.

"We know that people who vote young vote all their lives, and that people who connect things

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Communication vital to suicide prevention

By Nick Minarik and Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Eileen Casey had been home a few days in the summer of 2010 after returning from the hospital and was watching TV together with her son, Andy. She told him that she was going to bed. Andy said he loved her, just like he did every night.

"Then I wake up to all the notes and a map where he was," said a solemn Casey in a recent phone interview. "I still can't believe it. All of us missed the warning signs."

The Castleton State College student's body was found that morning in the woods near their northern Vermont home. His mom said he suffered from depression and took antidepressants, but in the days leading to his suicide he stopped taking the pills.

"They were bothering his stomach so much," she said.

Andy's circumstance is an occurrence that has become too common,

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15-24 year-olds. - Center for Disease Control and Prevention

brought to light again recently with the suicide of Castleton sophomore Brian Dagle. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15-24 year-olds following accidents and homicides, respectively, and according to a 2008 report by the American Association of Suicidology, it makes up 13.3 percent of deaths in this age group.

The underlying cause of most suicides, depression, affects more than 19 million American adults aged 18 and over. That represents 10 percent of American adults, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Both Dagle and Casey suffered from depression.

A study conducted by

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Students come together when things fall apart

The small school with the big heart has come together once again. Students and staff gathered outside the Campus Center on Nov. 12 after the suicide death of Brian Dagle to honor the sophomore education major. Castleton State College President Dave Wolk discussed how at Castleton, we are a family. At the Monday night movie two days later, Student Activists for Africa raised money in his honor. And then there was the Beats for Brian concert.

The sense of community is the best part of being a Castleton student. Everyone knows each other, if not literally, by association. Castleton's small student body makes it easy to join together to laugh, cry and remember an individual who affected so many people during his short time here. Students who did not even know Dagle came out to show their support for those closest to him.

The Castleton community didn't get the same chance for student Andrew Casey though.

Casey committed suicide in the summer of 2010 and students were alerted through e-mail. But the circumstances were different because the community was removed from the campus at the time of his death.

His friends here at Castleton and former football and lacrosse teammates at Rice Memorial High School, however, kept his memory alive, just as the college has done for Dagle.

Cora LeClair and Casey's suitemate, Justin Cawley, made wristbands after his death and sold them for $1. Cawley created the design, which included Andy's name, birthday and death date.

Casey's mother, Eileen, said in a recent interview that she went to vote after her son's death and someone asked her where her blue wrist band was? She was unaware they even existed.

"They were selling them and using the money to put fresh flowers on his grave every week for a year," said, her voice cracking over the phone.

Money was also donated to the Chapel of Saint Michael, according to LeClair. While many students attended Casey's funeral, Leclair said she does wish that Castleton would have done more for his family, but is happy that his death wasn't as publicized for the sake of his family. LeClair and Cawley remain close to Eileen and go over for dinner during breaks and regularly talk on the phone.

While it's been over a year since Casey's death, the memories didn't end after all the bracelets were sold.

"Justin and Andy were great friends and he still talks about him daily. Suicide affects everyone and to this day it's hard for both of us," she said.

The Rice football team draped Casey's number 12 jersey over the bench during every home and away game the season following his death. After pulling out wins against all odds the following season, they took the state championship -- fittingly played at Castleton -- and dedicated the season to Casey.

It is amazing to see everyone come together and for many to be a shoulder for others to lean on. But it's important to remember that Dagle wasn't the first, and he won't be the last. It's great to know that, like president Wolk said, we are a family. We are each other's emotional crutches. Castleton has made us grow into compassionate, caring, heartfelt individuals who are willing to sing each other's praises, but also mourn each other's heartaches.

-Kim Vincent and Elicia Mailhiot

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Students sign a rememberance card for Brian Dagle in the Campus Center.

Reporting on suicide shouldn't be taboo

In daily newspapers you almost never see the word suicide. Reporters and editors stray from using the term due to taboo nature of it and harsh criticism that it can create. This unwritten rule of not using the word suicide in headlines or stories has become a frequently debated ethical issue in the world of journalism.

Phrases such as "passed away unexpectedly" and "death was not suspicious" are commonly used in place of the word suicide often leaving people confused on the actual cause of death, which can cause rumors or speculation.

No one enjoys writing about suicide or even hearing the word, but it's a reality and cannot be avoided. Within the last two years, Castleton State College alone has suffered the loss of two young students due to suicide.

Tampa Bay journalist, Deborah Bowden, was able to cover the suicide of a 10-year-old boy in a skillful and compassionate manner while still getting the facts out about the incident.

The story was straightforward and brief, but faced the taboo notion of mentioning suicide head on showing that it can be done.

Many journalists are faced with covering suicide since it is one of the leading causes of death in today's society. But with every suicide, journalism ethics are called into question.

The President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors believes that all journalists should have special training to better prepare them to report on tragic situations where their ethics may be questioned and good journalism becomes critical.

Though some may feel that reporting on suicide can be disrespectful to grieving families and could provoke copycat behavior if explained in too much detail, it can also become a big factor in the prevention of future suicide attempts.

"We need to talk about it," said Eileen Casey, mother of former Castleton student Andrew Casey who took his own life in July of 2010. "It seems to be happening more and more."

And while Casey said dealing with the loss of her son would have been even more devastating if it were reported on TV or in the news, she thinks it is important for students to learn and read about suicide in the media in hopes of creating awareness and an understanding of the subject.

Journalists may be heavily criticized for writing about suicide, but by doing so they will be fulfilling their obligations to inform the public.

Suicide reporting should not be taboo in the media and can easily be covered in a meaningful and compassionate way with a little extra time and effort.

"We know that suicide is underreported," said Cory Gould, president of the Vermont Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "and until we talk about it, it will remain a dark secret."

-Courtney Parker and Hannah Messer

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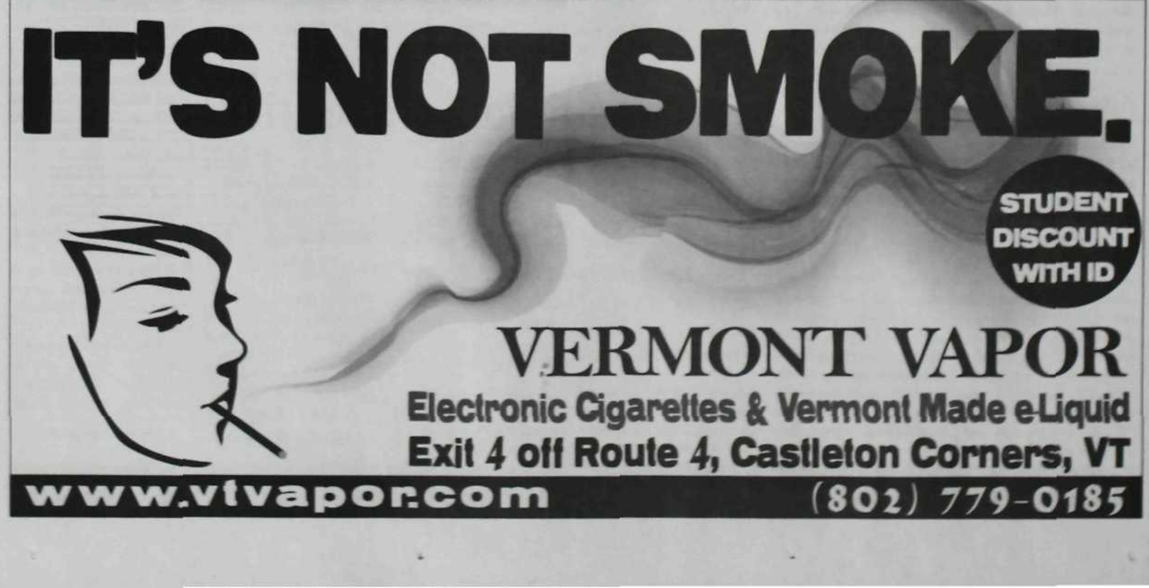


Professor remembers teaching accused bank robber

COURTESY OF BILL KUEHN

Jill Ludwig, top row, second from right, poses with SOS group.

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

When news first broke of the arrest of Jill Ludwig and John Maynard several weeks ago at Paul's Pizza, word quickly spread that Ludwig was a Castleton resident and former Castleton State student.

Those in the college community immediately tried hard to remember the alleged bank robber, with little luck.

Initially, nobody could be found on campus who could recall Ludwig, either as a classmate or as a student. But after the story of her arrest hit the stands, that changed.

"She was in my first SOS group," said sociology professor Bill Kuehn, pointing to one of a collection of photos on his office wall.

Kuehn said when he first saw her picture in the Rutland Herald, he knew she looked familiar, but couldn't remember where he recognized her from.

"Then, I finally pieced it together: I knew she was a student and I knew I had a picture of her," he said.

In the same picture as Ludwig, which hangs loosely on Kuehn's wall along with all his other SOS group photos, Sports Information Director Jeff Weld can be found.

"Funny thing is, when I read the name and description when the news first broke, I figured I must know her because of her age and time at Castleton matches up with mine as a student," said Weld. "When I finally saw her picture I realized I did vaguely remember her…I can't pinpoint any actual memories of her.

"My guess is our paths didn't cross all that much socially, other than she might have lived in Ellis when I was there."

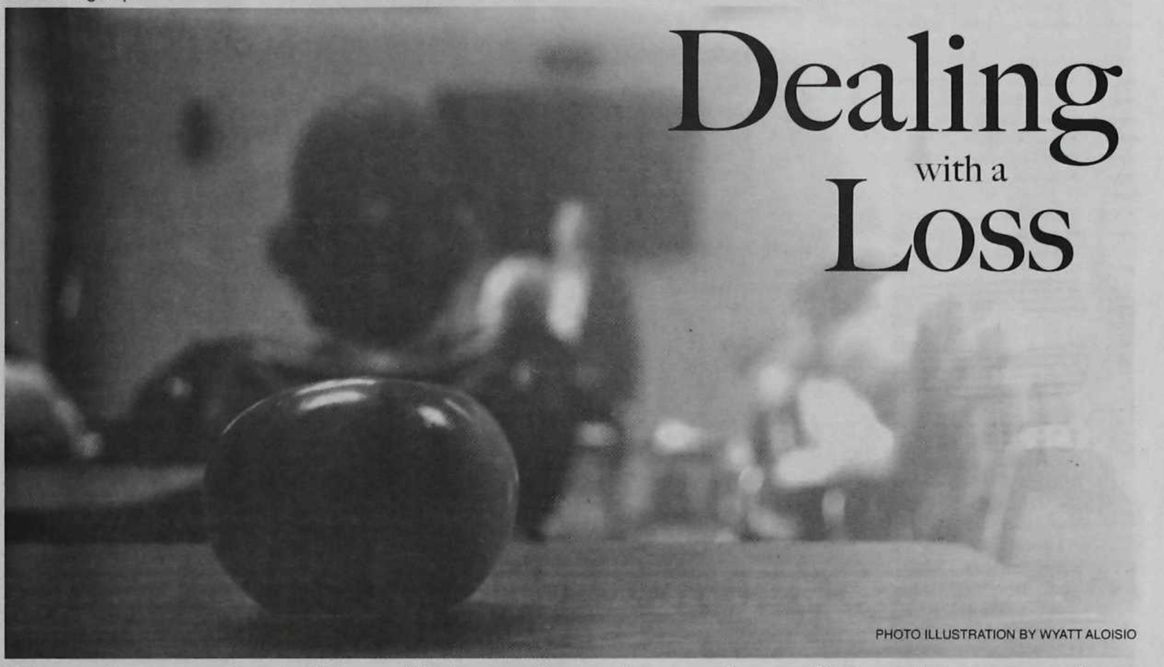
Although neither Kuehn nor Weld had any specifi c memories of Ludwig, Kuehn noted that she was a full member of the class, a bit on the quiet side, reasonably popular with the other students and a good student academically."

"Looking at the pictures, she looks like she is a happy enough person," he said. "So it just shows what twists and turns our lives can take …and it's sad."

Ludwig, who is charged with robbing the Citizen's Bank in Poultney, is in police custody at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and according to the public court calendar available online, is scheduled for a court appearance in Rutland on Dec. 19 at 3 p.m.

She is also a suspect in bank robberies in Granville, N.Y.

"Students make their mark one way or another," said Kuehn. "It's just a shame that's how her mark was made."



Dealing with a Loss

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Faculty and staff pull together in wake of Dagle tragedy

By Laela Warnecke and Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

Professor Mary Droege breathed a breath of bravery and positioned herself before the class. She looked on at the faces of her students, a mosaic of mixed emotions, and contrived the courage to begin, for just last class there was another face in the mix, a face that no longer looked on.

"Ok," she announced. "Let's take a look at the apple."

Only five days prior, Droege had received the tragic e-mail that found its way into the inboxes of the entire Castleton community announcing the unexpected death of student, Brian Dagle.

"My immediate reaction," Droege recalls, "was to e-mail the other students in my class. I wanted them to know I was there if they needed me. I wanted them to know we were all experiencing this tragedy together."

Droege, a mother of two, took on the maternal role she knows well and donned both the mother and the professor cap at the next class meeting.

"I really didn't know what to do at first," she confessed. "I didn't know what the students would be feeling. I wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to mourn and discuss Brian, but I also knew the importance of continuing to move forward with the material."

And just like that, the idea came to her; Droege knew exactly how to approach the next Flora of Vermont class. Dagle had decided to deliver a short botanical history of the apple for his final project, a presentation he seemed very excited to give. Sadly, he never made it to the next class.

Droege, however, took hold of the reigns and created a presentation of her own. She delivered it for Dagle, in honor of Dagle. After the presentation, the class enjoyed a conversation of remembrance over homemade apple pie.

"The class went really well," student Jennifer Ferington recalled. "She let us deal with everything in our own way, but she also had the presentation for us which was really nice."

Droege wasn't the only one treading in unknown waters that week. Professor Christopher Boettcher found himself wading as well.

"It was a first for me," Boettcher admitted. "I've never lost a student to suicide." Boettcher did not know how to approach his first class without Dagle. Luckily, the Castleton State College deans had everything under control.

Deans Yasmine Zeisler, Joseph Mark, and Tony Peffer acted as Dagle for a day, speaking and visiting with his classmates in each of his scheduled classes. They did not know what to expect, but they knew their presence was necessary. Each filled the all-too-present empty seat in the classroom.

"I'm thankful to Yasmine for visiting that day," Boettcher offered. "Her visit helped us all."

Tragedies such as these are not an everyday occurrence for professors and administrators at Castleton and when they happen, they are tough to deal with.

"I try to look at all our students as if they were members of my own family," said Castleton President Dave Wolk, when asked to reflect. "I did not know Brian well, but of course there was deep sadness for the hurt his friends and family experienced and are still experiencing."

But while it can be difficult, officials stressed that Castleton is prepared for such tragedies. In fact, the college has an under-the-radar team trained and prepared for tragedy.

Castleton's Emergency Management Team meets every Tuesday to plan and discuss appropriate reactions to various college crises including bomb threats, food-borne illnesses, power outages and even student death.

"We plan on how to get through tough situations as a campus," Dean of Students, Dennis Proulx said, adding that the group recently completed a webinar on response to student death.

"You never fully know what to expect and how to react," Proulx offered. "However, we were prepared."

As soon as the team learned of the tragedy on Saturday morning, they immediately went into crisis mode. The candlelight vigil was organized and multiple phone calls were made to the appropriate recipients — from the press to Dagle's parents.

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Alternative spring breakers headed to Jamaica

By Kat Eichler
Castleton Spartan

Though Spring Break for some is synonymous with long nights and booze binges, 11 hard-working students and faculty members are planning a vacation of a different kind.

These students are planning something alternative.

Alternative Spring Break is a student-run program started in 1995 as a way for students to travel to different parts of the world and aid communities in need. They do construction projects, tutoring, and anything their host country or city needs. This year, they plan to go to Petersfield, Jamaica.

The group has three advisors: Melinda Mills, Jan Rousse, and Jessica Duncan, all who are passionate about what the group stands for.

"It speaks to the importance of global education and demonstrates how Castleton is working toward that," said Mills, professor of Women's Studies. "I started having a conversation with Jan at a football game about the different opportunities and expressed my interest."

Duncan, a recent Castleton graduate, credits her career choice to her abroad volunteer experience. Duncan was the leader of Project El Salvador back in 2010.

"I went and realized it made me happy. The experience changed my life and that's when I realized this is what I wanted to do" Duncan said

Last year, the ASB group didn't go on its scheduled trip due to unforeseen circumstances.

"Unfortunately, one of the leaders didn't return and that put a huge hole in the group" said Rousse, the assistant director of the Stafford Center for the Study and Support of the Community.

But this year has been different and the group is focused and working hard.

"I don't know if it's a difference of work ethic between this year and last year, but we have new leadership and it is exemplary," said Mills. The new leaders of the group are Megeanw St. John and Alex Davis, both seniors.

ASB has a list of more than 25 fundraisers either planned or that have already taken place. Recent efforts have included selling hair feathers and baking pies for Thanksgiving. "We fund raise for every cent. It takes a committed group of amazing individuals to make this happen," Rousse said.

Upcoming fundraisers include a spaghetti dinner at the Blue Cat Bistro on Feb. 12. Tickets for this event are $12 in advance and $14 at the door. An ongoing fund-raiser is a raffle drawing for a handmade electric guitar. Tickets are $4 for 1, $10 for 3, and $19 for 6 tickets. Tickets for both events can be purchased in the Moriarty house or by contacting any person ASB member.

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Members of Alternative Spring Break sell raffle tickets.

But why do they do this. Why give up 10 days of break to help others? Sophomore Maggie Mullin summed it up.

"It's so much fun and it changed my life. I definitely would enjoy going on vacation for fun with friends, but if I had to choose that or ASB I would do this. People don't realize how great it could be. It made me realize how fortunate I am for things that I do have."

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese & Saondra Olds

Question:
What's the best Christmas present you've ever received?

Nettie Prescott
Probably when I got my first Mac laptop.

Joan Price
My cat, Kris.

Alex Brands
Hockey skates.

Alex Thomas
I would have to say that it would be when my uncle gave me a booklet to spend a week with him. He's a survivalist.

CSC now offers health ed. major

By Courtney Bates
Castleton Spartan

Over the last few years, Castleton State College has been accomplishing many things to be proud of from an increase in students to countless new academic and athletic buildings. Now the school has something else to brag about: being the first school in Vermont to offer health education as a major.

John Feenick, head of the Physical Education Department, said he really pushed for this program knowing it would be unique and make Castleton stand out.

The Physical Education Department is divided up into three concentrations; athletic training, physical education and sports administration. But now with the new health education program, "students can earn their K-12 teaching licensure and ideally work in schools as a health teacher," according to Katy Culpo coordinator of the new program.

Culpo is in charge of getting the program up and running. She says the program will allow students in the Physical Education Department to dual major in another concentration along with health education to make themselves more marketable when applying for a job in the school system.

"It's an awesome combination," Culpo said. "It allows them to wear many hats."

Feenick agrees with Culpo. "Schools hire teachers with dual credentials," Feenick said. "Having a dual major in health education makes them more marketable."

Culpo says that students seem excited about the program too. Jordan Dufresne, a junior is a dual major in physical education and health, said he was psyched when he heard Castleton had added the new program.

"I'm excited because it gives me more opportunities in getting a job at a school. A lot of schools look for teachers who have double licensure because they get more bang for their buck. They will only have to hire one new teacher instead of two, saving money in their school budget for other things," Dufresne said.

Feenick believes that the new program is important because health teachers are vital in educating the youth. There is poor health all over the country, and health care is expensive. However, health education can teach kids ways to live a health life, he said.

"Health teachers are important because they are the ones teaching our children about healthy, safe choices. Not only about being physically active, proper nutrition, and sex education, but also how to prevent unintentional injuries, how to deal with deaths and tragedies, and personal health," Dufresne said.

The program is only in its first year, but Feenick and Culpo expect it to really gain popularity in the next few years.

And because Castleton is the only school to offer the major in Vermont, Feenick hopes it will draw in more prospective students to the Castleton Physical Education Department

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CSC students, (from left) Casey Kimball and Josephine Barrale overlook the Grand Canyon.

Semester in Sante Fe: succesful

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

The second annual semester in the southwest came to a close last week for 14 students and two professors involved in the four-month intensive program.

For the second year in a row, the program gave students a chance to live in the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico and earn college credit through first-hand experience in the southwest.

"We learned so much more than you would at a traditional college or university," said Castleton junior Julie Carryen, who said that the experience gave her a new confidence and a new outlook on her college life. "It was life changing. I was able to overcome worries and fears that I previously had."

The group stayed at the Santa Fe International Hostel and traveled over 6,000 miles to numerous landmarks and cultural sites in the southwest.

"You had so many people coming through the hostel," said education major Samantha Barrale. "There were so many cultures and people that we learned from."

Many of the places visited were also visited by last year's southwest group including Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde, and San Ildefonso Pueblo. But this year, new activities made their way into the curriculum including a more extensive visit to the Grand Canyon and a rafting trip down the San Juan River.

Castleton junior Emily Louise Mason and senior Jessa Mondlak returned west as teacher's assistants after participating last year.

"There's always more to learn," says Mason. "We took different classes and it was an awesome experience just like the first time."

Professors said they learned a lot from last year's semester.

"Last year's group really broke ground for us, they made this semester easier and better for us to do," said art professor Liza Meyers.

The class also continued work with Adobe In Action, a volunteer group based in Santa Fe that helps to provide homes to families in need through the use of adobe brick making, a sustainable alternative to normal building materials. In addition to continued work on a home two to three times a week, the class also built a horno, or brick oven for the family.

The group hosted a presentation in Herrick Auditorium Dec. 1 highlighting their trip and their experiences. Many talked about how hands-on learning is far better than a normal classroom.

"The great strength of the trip is that we (the professors) are always there," said anthropology professor Paul Derby. "The experience has been tremendous. You see students in class as people, but living and learning with them you begin to see them as human beings."

Plans are already in the works for two more trips to the southwest. The first will occur in May with students returning to help construct the adobe home, and another semester-long trip is being planned for next fall.

Occupy Wall Street exposes other problems

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

It has been weeks now since the "Occupy Wall Street" movement began. What started on the streets of New York City quickly moved across the country and across the globe. Events are being held daily in hundreds of cities, even in neighboring Rutland, according to the Occupy Rutland Facebook page.

But despite the vast number of protests and constant media coverage, the intent of these protests has remained relatively unclear to many people, including the History, Geography, Economics, and Politics Club at Castleton.

On Dec. 1, HGEP hosted an event to shed light on some of the motives and demands of protestors as well as the impact of these daily demonstrations.

"When we first started talking about Occupy Wall Street, we were trying to answer the question of 'well, what are these protestors trying to accomplish?'" said Castleton senior Mike Callahan before introducing the faculty panelists. "We realized we couldn't really answer it," he said.

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From left: Robert Wuagneux, Carrie Waara, Judith Robinson and Richard Clark discuss the Occupy Wall Street movement.

The event featured four panelists, each representing their individual department and sharing their specific expertise in regards to the movement.

The club members invited Richard Clark to represent the political science department, Judith Robinson from economics, Carrie Waara from history and Robert Wuagneux from communication.

Clark, the first speaker, discussed public opinion. He stressed the fact that Americans are willing to accept a wide-range of economic inequalities, as long as there is opportunity. But people aren't feeling that opportunity these days, he said.

"The American public is less optimistic today than ever," he said.

Wuagneux also discussed public opinion and the media's influence on it.

Robinson and Waara explained the evolution of the protests and the specific economic outcomes that the occupants are hoping for, which was the question students were pondering.

Robinson noted that many of the protestors in the movement are young people who either have a college degree or who are currently in college, and that the employment rate of this group is exceptionally high.

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Gift giving simplified for the poor college student

By Catherine Trudell
Castleton Spartan

College students are put in a difficult position during the gift-giving holidays. Most have little money and a long list of family and friends they wish they could buy gifts for.

They are also in that odd phase, transitioning from being gift-receiving children to adults who are expected to give gifts as well. So, what do Castleton students do to get in the festive season of giving without busting out their wallets?

Castleton senior, Jessica Lawrenson, who is currently enrolled in a Chinese course, decided to craft her gifts this year.

"They are canvases with Chinese characters on them saying love, health, and happiness," said Lawrenson. "I figured I'd put my new education to use and make gifts with the characters."

And Lawrenson didn't have to spend a lot on these thoughtful gifts that she will give to her parents and grandparents on Christmas day.

"It was about $10 a canvas with a coupon and $10 for the paints and brushes… and yes, I used a coupon," Lawrenson explains. "Living off campus makes it hard to afford the extras so making gifts is easier."

Castleton student Erin Orleck has another money-saving technique that is a tradition in her family.

"I have 13 cousins and we all do Secret Santa. We pick names at thanksgiving," she said. "It works out, you don't have to spend money on everyone but everyone gets a gift."

Others, like junior Anders Ax, work all summer or have part-time jobs and can afford to buy gifts for their family.

"I work fulltime during the summer, so I save up a lot of money," he said.

"Me and my family are really close, we don't really have to buy gifts for each other," explains student Rachael Dube.

"Me and my mom are especially close. I usually frame her a picture of us. I mean it's not the biggest thing, but being a college student I don't have enough money to go out and get my mom a fucking iPad… I mean if she wants to buy me an iPad of course she can!"

Senior Alex Davis has an extra-tight budget this year because he's trying to save for his Alternative Spring Break trip to Jamaica this spring.

He found a way to use his money efficiently this holiday season when he bought gifts for his mother and sister from the ASB Avon fundraiser. "I got them gifts and I also fund-raised for myself for my trip," said Davis. "It's like spending my money twice, the same amount of money for two things."

Jazz ensemble raises money for jazz festival

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

A group of seven students, six from the CSC Jazz ensemble, performed Nov. 18 to benefit their trip to the Montreal Jazz Festival.

Calling themselves "The Cruise", the group did not play jazz. Instead they focused on their rock roots. Jeff Bruce, Joe Plotts, Mike Ray, Rob Valenti, and Meagan Sargent took the stage with killer vocals and great technique. They excelled at their choice of music to play.

Plotts said they called themselves The Cruise to represent taking "a vacation away from the classic jazz we have to play in class."

"When a lot of these students came into the department, they were strictly rock players. For this concert, they came up with the idea to do what it was that they thought they do best. They wanted to show off what it is they were comfortable with," said Director of Bands Hank Vaughan. "I didn't have to organize much though—only booking the stage, they did everything else."

While each of these artists has anywhere from two to eight years experience, Plotts and Sargent stood out for their vocal work. Plotts mentioned this was his first time really singing and that because of the obvious power Sargent has. They were trying to get her join in on Jazz Combo.

Vocals aside, the clear talent in this group of students was unmistakable. They controlled the stage, garnered support from the audience despite the low attendance, and surprised all present.

Vaughan marks the group as being unique self-starters and says they started planning the June trip to Montreal on their train ride back from another festival in Chicago last year. They don't get credits for going and they must raise the money themselves—this year it's a $1,000 fee for each.

"We've got at least 15 going right now…most of those being performers but we also have some roadies…They really just wanna get out and play more and that makes my job easier," said Vaughan.

He remembers that because of other obligations, the students on the last trip had to ride back from Chicago on their own while he was flying to Arizona.

"Before they even got back, they called me and said 'Hey, can we go to Montreal next year?'—they hadn't even gotten back yet. That's really the new breed of student we have here in the Music Department," Vaughan said.

With the first payment date looming, the group will have to continue to work diligently toward their goal. Both the musicians and Vaughan are confident that they will be successful.

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CSC sophmore Adam McCaffery plays 'Wish You Were Here' by Pink Floyd in memory of Brian Dagle.

Students raise more than money

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

A group of students walked up the stairs to the Campus Center, following signs reading "Beats for Brian: Tomorrows Tonight." They headed toward the open doors, blue and purple flashing lights calling their names. Suddenly, they glanced to their left and stopped. Their eyes scanned the yellow and green poster board, tracing gondolas cascading through mountain tops and messages from of students remembering a lost friend.

"Rest easy buddy. I know you'll be ripping up the biggest mountain up in the sky. I love you kid," one message read.

The students continued in to find junior Paul Chrisman performing John Mayer's "Waiting on the World to Change," alongside sophomore Adam McCaffery, junior Keith Haley and others.

Chrisman said the purpose of the benefit was more than raising money for a charity in honor of Brian Dagle, who committed suicide a week earlier.

"I think it's about bringing people together and giving them as many opportunities to express those emotions as possible. It's a chance to move forward from what happened," he said.

Performing at Beats for Brian had special meaning to McCaffery, who went to high school with Dagle. After a performance by professor Robert Wuagneux, he grabbed his guitar. McCaffery sat, leaving one open seat next to him and addressed the crowd.

"Thank you so much for being here. The main reason we're here tonight is for Brian. He's right here watching us play and interacting with us. I wish you were here…"

He continued on, playing Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here." McCaffery said he felt Dagle's presence with him that night.

"There was an empty chair next to me. He was there helping me through that," he said.

Other student groups participated in the event. The Intervarsity club created a memory board and students were encouraged to create cards with thoughts and prayers to give to the Dagle family.

Junior Adam Brathovde, creator of Ceyloe clothing company, made shirts with the help of those who knew Dagle best. The outcome was two designs: One highlighting his love of snowboarding and the other with his face imprinted on a twenty-dollar bill.

The Nov. 19 event was hosted by Student Activists for Africa under the lead of Dagle's good friend, junior Brenden Beer. Admission was $3 and all proceeds from the night were donated to the East Lyme Youth Services Organization.

SAFA's Samantha Young said although several members were close to Brian, it's the clubs slogan, "local action, world awareness," that really drove home the meaning of the event. The group is raising money to go to Kenya this summer, but members said "equally important is our own community."

"We care and are committed to our community as much as our drive to help Africa as well," she said.

SAFA also hosted a candy sale to raise money for Dagle's family at the Nov. 14 Monday night movie. They collected over $220. Members said they realized the sale was bigger than just a fund-raiser, though, when the students began donating twenty-dollar bills, but weren't interested in candy.

Over $1,000 was raised from all the events, but Young said money wasn't really the point.

"Money was more of something that could happen as we brought people together. It was an added bonus to it," she said.

Besides raising money, Beats for Brian was a chance to share good memories, good food, good music, and good laughs in honor of, as the poster said, a "soul who rocked a small school."

Havin' a ball

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Students take part in the Yule Ball, hosted by CSC Choir in the Campus Center.

Staff Holiday Wish List

Movies

New Year's Eve
"What's next, the superstar version of Arbor Day?"

The Adventures of TinTin
"Hollywood can't possibly ruin this one, right?"

The girl with the Dragon Tattoo
"Hopefully less disjointed than the trailer."

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
"Jude Law and Robert Downey Jr. Enough said."

Music

Nickleback: Here and Now
"For how much everyone hates Nickleback, everyone loves Nickleback."

Halestorm: Reanimate
"Because everyone missed it the first time around."

TheUsed: Vulnerable
"Released on 'Dental Records,' isn't that clever?"

TFK: The End is Where we Begin
"Who needs a 'krutch' when you have 1,000 feet anyway?"

Games

The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword
"Because there's nothing manlier than swinging a wii-mote around like a sword."

The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim
"Because our GPA's aren't low enough already."

Minecraft
"And you thought Skyrim was the only timesink on this list."

Mario Kart 7
"Because it worked well the first 6 times..."

CSC Public Safety Blotter

11/20/11	Intox/Medical	Wheeler
11/21/11	Vandalism	Babcock/Castleton
11/22/11	Vandalism	Haskell
11/24/11	Trespassing/Vandalism	Stadium
11/28/11	Underage Drinking	Castleton Hall
12/1/11	Theft	Huden
12/2/11	Marijuana seized	Ellis
12/2/11	Vandalism	Babcock
12/4/11	Alcohol/Trespassing	Adams
12/5/11	Harassment	Babcock
12/7/11	Alcohol poisoning	Babcock
12/8/11	Injury	Coffee Cottage
12/9/11	Vandalism	Ellis

Brian Dagle leaves lasting impression

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never suspected what would happen on Nov. 12.

Remembering Dagle

Dagle's parents, Paul and Ann, his friends and Castleton faculty gathered in the 1787 Room of the Campus Center on Nov. 21 for his memorial service. More than 100 people attended. Heads were bowed and tears were shed in remembrance of a young man full of love for life -- and for little kids.

When Dagle taught at a local school through the education department, said education department chair Tim Cleary at the memorial, "the room was always up in the air, Brian was up in the air with them ... and he'd just have this beaming radiance."

Castleton part-time faculty member Brad Slonaker said that Brian was simply "pure joy."

"I for one will always owe you an extreme debt of gratitude," Slonaker said, "for sharing your joy with me and our community."

His roommates, though grief-stricken, also shared fond memories. When roommate Jessi Perkins took the podium, she, laughing, confessed to his parents that she was the one who had pierced their son's ear -- seven times to get it even.

"Whether you'd known Dagle for 19 years of his life or if you knew him for two months, he's like your best friend," Perkins continued. "It's like you'd known him forever."

Friend Jack O'Connor, remembered wanting to be Dagle's friend and talked about how he always accepted everyone around him.

"I wish I could have told him how much I really cared about him," O'Connor said. "I'm sure he's sneaking some ways to mess with me."

When Dagle's father took the microphone, he stressed that no one should go through his son's death alone.

"Please don't keep it to yourself," he said with his hands gripping the podium, staring into the audience. "It's the goodness that helps us get through the next five minutes, the next couple hours and then eventually the day after. Death unfortunately is a part of life."

Paul said the reason Brian loved Castleton so much was because of the people here.

"When you hit the mountain this year, ride or ski for Brian," his father added. "If Brian has any regrets, it's that he's not gonna be able to ride that mountain again."

Leaving a impression

Dagle had wanted to be an elementary school teacher. He not only was enthusiastic about life, but about teaching as well. Friends and professors say he could really connect with people, especially kids – probably because he could get so crazy.

"I see the qualities that teachers have, particularly elementary teachers, the way they connect with young people, and I think that Brian would have really been able to connect with the kids he taught," said Christopher Boettcher, who taught two of Dagle's literature classes.

Boettcher said when Dagle started something, he was absolutely ruthless about doing it well.

"He jumped into anything that he was a part of with just, sometimes with abandon," said Boettcher. "A lot of kids are held back by not being willing to go with it, and he didn't have that problem. That's for sure."

In a recent session with Dagle's closest friends, they all spoke with wonder about how their buddy always got the girls who were way out of his league.

"He was a short, white, skinny Irish kid... like what?" said Hudson.

When West first met Dagle, he showed up to the party with three of the best-looking girls there.

"My first thoughts were 'who IS this kid?' He was acting so badass, but then I met him and he was just... wicked chill," said West.

They also talked about how he was always wearing an obnoxious pair of sunglasses.

"They were the ugliest things I have ever seen," said O'Connor. "I would have worn them in like, the third grade. But Dagle wore them all the time, they're like who he is, they were part of his image."

The friends said he was also an avid New England Patriots fan, but not exactly the best football player, according to friends.

"He couldn't throw a football to save his life," Bresnan said.

They also described Dagle as one of the most giving people they knew.

"Dagle took care of all of his good friends, with anything they needed," said O'Connor.

"Whenever I needed advice on anything, I went to Dagle," said West.

The Castleton community continues to mourn the loss of its classmate and friend, but Bresnan spoke at the memorial about what he feels should be Dagle's legacy.

"We shouldn't dwell on the unknown," said Bresnan. "But remember the fun times and memories."

Wyatt Aloisio and James Schubert also contributed.

Political apathy abounds

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in their lives, like soup kitchens to political events they're likely to be more active. If you keep young people talking about things that affect them, things like tuition, loans student loans, jobs, that those things will resonate with them, and they'll want to make a difference," Clark said.

Senior Sabina Peer agreed with Clark

"Stagnation is a very good description of politics, but in order to make change they need to do something about it," Peer said.

While political apathy abounds, students clearly still care about baseball and the seemingly never-ending rivalry between the Red Sox and Yankees.

As a fun question in the poll, researchers learned that 48 percent of Castleton students favor the Red Sox while only 16 percent support the Yanks. And by the way, 25 percent simply don't care.

Raising suicide awareness

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the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration estimates 900,875 suicide attempts were made in the United States in 2008, 25 times the number of deaths by suicide.

As a state, Vermont ranks 12th in the nation with a suicide rate of 15.1 percent per 100,000 people.

Cory Gould, president of the Vermont Chapter of the AFSP, has spent decades trying to reduce those statistics. Her career has taught her that there are always signs of danger, and all signs should always be taken seriously.

"Any behavior change that makes people go, 'Hmm, he's a little weird,' that's when you ask (if something is wrong)," Gould said.

Although something as simple as a change in attitude can be indicative of larger underlying problems such as depression, there are specific warning signs you especially want to look out for, she said.

According to the AFSP, an unrelenting low mood, withdrawal, uncharacteristic sleep problems, uncharacteristic impulsiveness and risk taking, random or sudden purchase of a firearm, or giving away prized possessions are all signs of serious depression.

Gould says that if you notice any change like these, "the thing to do is ask." The person most likely to stop a suicide is the closest person to the potential victim.

"This is your buddy, you're in the position to help them," she said.

Casey agrees that interpersonal communication is essential in suicide prevention, but feels that modern technology is hurting that. By communicating primarily through text, facial expressions and body language are lost.

"There's no emotion, no connection, no intimacy – just words," Casey said.

When the time comes to communicate with someone in need, Gould encourages everyone to use the QPR method: Question, Persuade, Refer.

"QPR is to suicide prevention as CPR is to someone having a heart attack," Gould said.

"You say 'Hey, something's different about you.' Usually... they're going to answer affirmatively. They're waiting to be asked. So you ask, and be ready to receive the answer," she said. While a negative answer may seem like a relief at first, she encourages everyone not to rest with the "no" if there truly is reason for concern.

The next step is to persuade the potential victim that their mindset is temporary and will pass. According to afsp.org, it is very important not to argue someone out of suicide. Rather, let the person know you care. Perhaps most importantly, avoid the temptation to say, "You have so much to live for," or "Your suicide will hurt your family."

Next, refer your peer to a mental health professional or specialist. You should remain supportive of the person you're helping throughout the entire process.

CSC's Wellness Center is making an effort to increase awareness by offering a new program, the Student Support Network. It will provide more in-depth training on how to recognize signs of depression and methods to help those in need.

Casey feels that if the suicide continues to be a "huge secret no one talks about," awareness will not be raised and it will remain a social taboo.

Gould agrees.

"We have to talk about it," Gould stressed. "And until we talk about it, it will remain a dark secret."

Kimberly Vincent and Joe Bonasera also contributed to this report.

Give the gift of life

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expressed concern that the timing of this event may mean that there will be fewer students still on campus and willing to go to Rutland to donate blood, but they're hopeful.

"We're hoping that we'll get students and other Castleton related people who live in the Rutland area," said Victoria Angis. The school is even offering a bus to transport people back and forth from the event.

The Gift-of-Life marathon, held at the Paramount Theatre, is known for its awe-inspiring and friendly atmosphere. It has been referred to as a unique 'community block party' feel.

"Sitting there in this gorgeous old theatre, surrounded by people who were waiting patiently to give blood.... It was just heartwarming and I felt like I was a part of something really important," said Angis, who attended the event last year.

"I thought about giving blood before," said freshman Liz Surridge. "I've been the one who's like I don't like needles and blood."

Surridge has helped promote the event around campus by hanging up posters and displays. She urges others to overcome their fears and come out to the event. She says techniques like, looking away when they draw the blood can help first-time donors. "They treat you like it's a spa," says Angis.

The blood drive has been expanded to three sites this year: the Paramount Theatre, the American Legion, and the College of St. Joseph's gym. Wolk hopes to add Castleton State College to the list next year as a fourth location. To avoid waiting in line, donors are urged to go online to www.giftoflifemarathon.com to register for an appointment between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Panel addresses questions about Occupy Wall Street movement

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"College students can't get jobs in the field which they were taught, and are either working part-time when they should be working full time, or are working in a field that has nothing to do with their degree," she said. She too noted that the average number of work hours has increased significantly in the past couple of decades, and that the American people are not getting the payback they deserve.

Waara said Occupy Wall Street stems from the 2008-09 Icelandic Revolution, which was also called the "kitchen-ware movement," due to the consistent banging on pots and pans for attention. Iceland was suffering from an economic downturn and citizens realized the "government screwed up royally," according to Waara.

The effects were lasting and Parliament resigned and their government was revamped.

She also compared "Occupy Wall Street" to the "Arab Spring" and the numerous protests that erupted across the Middle East last year.

She stated that the "Arab Spring" began in Tunisia resulting from the actions of an individual fruit-seller who set himself on fire because he was "being heckled by a bureaucrat to get a new permit for his fruit stand."

Castleton senior Jake Bourne said the discussion was very informative.

"Being an economics minor and having a solid background on the economic issues involved, it was a nice change of pace listening to professor Wuagneux and professor Waara talk about the communications and history aspects of protests," said Bourne.

Castleton senior Drew Boudreau was also impressed.

"It was pretty informative, but I think they should have left more time for question and answer at the end ... But they did give a good idea of what it's about from several viewpoints," he said.

Dealing with a loss

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Proulx, a graduate of Castleton, made sure to cater to the needs of fellow Spartans, both near and far.

"We wanted his parents to know how the college was handling the tragedy."

The EMT, however, wishes to remain masked and unmentioned.

"The people in the Wellness Center," Proulx recalled admiringly, "they are the ones who were really on the front lines. They are the real heroes."

Castleton's Wellness Center sprung into action after receiving the news of Dagle's death. Within hours they had professional staff members and a licensed counselor available for students who were on site until 10 p.m. Saturday.

The Wellness Center kept students and faculty updated on all their services and support groups available via e-mail and through the Wellness Center's Facebook page, posting encouraging words and videos of ways to cope with a loss and how to recognize warning signs of a friend in need.

Counselor and Director of the Wellness Center, Martha Coulter, expressed the importance of responding to situations like this quickly and efficiently to best benefit the community.

"The resources and support of the Wellness Center were very heavily utilized by students, faculty, and staff," said Coulter adding that tragedies, such as suicide, bring up very painful memories for those who have experienced a loss in their past.

"Young people aren't supposed to be dying," she said "it is jarring and upsetting when that happens."

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CSC women's basketball off to a good start

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Christine Jaques advances toward the hoop against Husson.

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's basketball team is off to a good start this season, sitting at 3-1 in North Atlantic Conference play and 6-2 overall. This past weekend, the Spartans notched one victory while suffering a tough loss in overtime in their big conference weekend.

Castleton maintained control through most of the second half against conference rivals Husson College on Dec. 9. However, they just couldn't keep the control and lost the game in overtime, 73-68.

The Spartans were behind 64-63 with just a few seconds left in the game, but Alyssa Leonard made only one free throw to tie the score up at 64, forcing the play into overtime. In the overtime play, Husson scored seven points and maintained the lead to improve to 2-4 on the season, bringing their record to 2-0 in conference play.

A three-point shot by Husson's Marissa Albert followed by a pair of free throws by Kelli Murray in the last minute of the game proved to be the difference.

Castleton got 2 points in the last 52 seconds, but it wasn't enough.

In the game, senior Vanessa Powers led with 20 points and had three steals. Leonard had four steals as well. The Spartans forced 31 turnovers throughout the game.

Leonard and Christine Jacques rounded out the Spartans scoring with 11 points each.

On Saturday, however it was a much different story for the Spartans. They plowed through Maine-Maritime to get the victory with a score of 68-37, improving their NAC record to 3-1.

In the first half, Maine Maritime lead 26-22. But then the Spartans went on a 21-point run spanning the end of the first half and first few minutes of the second half to put the game out of reach.

Both the defense and offense excelled on Saturday, with the offense converting ten of its first 11 possessions in the second half.

The high-scorers of the game for the Spartans were Powers with 18 points, Leonard with 14 and Jacques with 11 points.

For Maritime, Sam Goda score 12 points and grabbed five rebounds.

With about one-third of their season completed, the Spartans are off until Jan. 4 when they travel to Westfield State. Their next home game is Jan. 14 against Colby Sawyer.

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Steve Zotter participates in a race last season.

CSC ski team hoping for success in new conference

By Hannah Messer
Castletom Spartan

This year's Castleton ski teams are undergoing a big change. They have moved from the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference Thompson Division to the ECSC MacConnell Division of the U.S. Collegiate Ski Association.

"Myself, Dale (Solotruck) and Deanna (Tyson) felt it was time to try to enter a division that would provide more of an athletic challenge to our athletes," said co-head coach Chris Eder. "The MacConnell division is considered by many as the toughest division in the country."

There, the teams will expect tough competition from Babson College, Brown University, Clarkson, MIT, Saint Anselm's College, University of Connecticut and UMass-Amherst.

According to a collegesnowsports.com opening national poll, Castleton's men's team is ranked sixth in the country.

This year, the team returns 10 men and nine women from last year's squad.

On the men's side, Reed Drechsel, last season's ECSC Thompson Division Skier of the Year and Castleton team MVP, is back along with Steven Zotter, Rob Burke, Bobby Jones, Brandon Cohen, and Connor O'Brien. All earned postseason honors last year.

"We have that core group of guys coming back along with eight new freshman," said Eder. "It gives me hope that we will be competitive in the USCSA MacConnell Division."

According to Eder, all eight of the incoming freshman are legitimate racers and should make an immediate positive impact on the team.

For the women, Amee Pierson, Ali Spencer, Erica Luce, Halie Roberge, Ali Nolan and Brianna Kullberg return to the team. All six earned post-season honors last season. In addition to those six, Michelle Podnecky, Corrie Keener and Courtney Donovan return to the team after sitting out most or all of last season with injuries.

"These nine women make us a competitive team," explained Eder. "The addition of new faces should make them even more competitive."

Senior Kristina Sundin, who earned postseason honors in the past two seasons will not be competing, but will be an assistant coach.

"Dale and I are excited to have one more coach on the mountain with us on training and race days. She is very knowledgeable in regards to ski racing and is a true leader," said Eder. "Her presence will definitely be an asset to both the men's and women's teams."

Both teams are expected to be contenders for the top spot in the USCSA MacConnell Divison in the regular season.

"Winning the division would be great, but our real goals are to do well at the USCSA Eastern Regional Championships and qualify for USCSA National Championships," said Eder. "I know that both teams have what it takes to get there and perform well."

EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Tyler Ackley dribbles against Skidmore college.

Men's b-ball crushes Mariners

By Kristi Dunchus
Castleton Spartan

The men's basketball team wrapped up its first semester of play with back-to-back wins this weekend, defeating Husson University and Maine Maritime.

The Spartans defeated Husson 97-96 on Dec. 9. The victory ended a 13-game losing streak to Husson and marked the first victory against Husson since Castleton joined the North Atlantic Conference back in 2003.

In the final seconds of play, the Spartans lead 97-93. Husson scored a three-point shot with just two seconds remaining to bring the game within one point. Mark Comstock was fouled immediately, but missed both free throws. With 1.5 seconds remaining, the Eagles threw the ball to midcourt, but Comstock knocked it away to give Castleton the win.

Castleton had four players in double figures. Comstock and Greg Hughes each had 20 points, Matt Cooney had 12 points off the bench and Keith Schneider chipped in 10.

Although the Spartans came out victorious, coach Paul Culpo wasn't satisfied with his team's performance.

"I don't think we played particularly well," Culpo said. "We were fortunate to win."

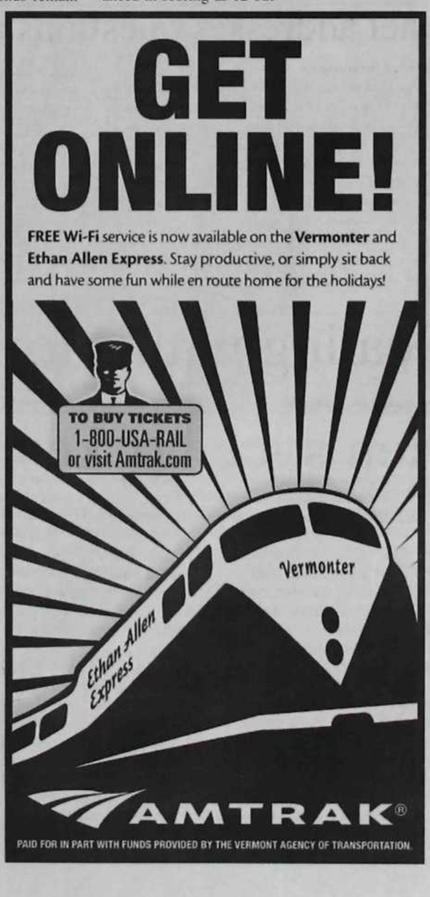
On Dec. 11, the Spartans defeated Maine-Maritime 85-52. Castleton had a big second half, holding the Mariners to 20 second-half points while causing 25 turnovers.

The Spartans were balanced in scoring as 12 out of the 14 players who saw action scored. Hughes led the team with 17 points and Cooney finished with 14 points, shooting 5-6 from the floor. Comstock had 13 points and pulled down seven rebounds while Schneider and Dammy Mustapha each added eight.

With the first semester coming to a close, Culpo said his team has a long way to go. He said the team has to improve, most importantly, on its defense and shooting.

"We need to develop more depth and start getting more production from other people," Culpo said.

With the victories, Castleton improves to 3-1 in the NAC and 4-4 overall. The Spartans will return to action on Jan. 2 against Williams.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Women's ice hockey 5-2 at winter break

By Steve Hageman
Castleton Spartan

After coming off an overtime win on the road against Southern Maine leading to a three-game winning streak, the Castleton women's hockey team came home to host its annual Pink the Rink game against ECAC foe UMass-Boston.

The Pink the Rink game was another game that came down to the wire, but unfortunately resulted in a tough loss for Castleton as it fell 2-1. All three goals came in the third period. Castleton forward Jade Werger scored to put Castleton on the board with just five minutes left in the game, but the constant attacks for Castleton weren't enough even with an extra skater as UMass-Boston held on to seal the win.

The Spartans registered 37 shots on the game while Castleton goalie Katharyn Dembowski had 29 saves on the night.

But there was another game to be played the following day against St. Anslem.

Once again the team had to make it another nail biter, as Castleton won the game in overtime 3-2. After a hard fought first period, Castleton came out in the second period to a fast start. Just one minute, into the period Nicole Ruman scored the game's first goal and with just a few minutes left in the second period Danielle Roberts passed the puck to Meagan Hulbert to give Hulbert her first goal of the season. Castleton had the lead at the end of the second period 2-1.

In the third period, Castleton did have a little trouble by getting outshot 15-4 and letting up the tying goal with just five minutes left in the game. But Castleton held on with outstanding goaltending by Dembowski, who had 37 saves in regulation and would end up with 38 saves. Just 22 second into overtime, Werger finished the game with an unassisted game winner.

Following the home stand, Castleton was on the road at New England College where they shut out the Pilgrims 2-0. Werger had both of Castleton's goals, one in the first period assisted by Roberts and Hanna Martini, and the empty-net goal in the third assisted by Roberts and Christine Newton. Goaltender Dembowski recorded her third shutout win this season.

The Castleton women's hockey team played its last home game before break against Buffalo State on Dec. 11 in a tough 4-3 loss. Molly Howard started the goal frenzy in the first period by scoring 1:15 into the period.

Her goal would be followed by three Buffalo State Bengal goals. Castleton would get one more goal to end the period by Ruman to have the Buffalo State led at only 3-2. In the third period, Eileen Coyne tied up the game at three a piece for her first goal of the season. But Buffalo State was just too much by adding one more goal in third and holding it for the game.

EMMA RUDNICK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Meagan Hulbert helps defend against UMass Boston.

Castleton went to its bench after goalie Dembowski stopped two shots and had to leave the game due to an injury. That meant Kristi Holt would see her first time on the ice as a Spartan, making 14 stops on the day.

Castleton ends the first half of its season with a 5-5 overall record and a 5-2 ECAC record which puts Castleton in third place in the ECAC East Conference.

The ladies of the ice return to action on Jan. 7 when they host Plymouth State of North Carolina.

Sports Talk

Kyle Turner

It's been a semester full of excitement for the Spartans, with very little disappointment. Let's get the bad stuff out of the way first.

The football team, under first year head coach, Marc Klatt, finished with an overall record of 4-6 and a conference record of 3-4. As the NFL analysts on ESPN would say, "C'mon man!" Sure the offense was scoring 34.1 points per game, but if your defense gives up 42.2 points per game, then it is very unlikely that your team will finish .500 or above.

Then we come to the volleyball team, which finished with a horrid record of 1-19 and 0-7 in the NAC. Last year the team went 8-13 overall and 3-3 in the NAC and made it all the way to the NAC semi-final. There was only one senior on the team last year, so not much changed besides that and the hiring of new head coach, Mary Kate Scardillo. All that's left to say about the volleyball team is that it can only improve on its 1-19 record, unless they go 0-20 of course.

Now we come to the high points of the semester for the Spartans.

The field hockey team ended up going undefeated in the NAC for the first time in school history with a record of 9-0, but could not score any goals in their 1-0 NAC semi-final loss to eventual champion Husson University.

The men's soccer team was the preseason favorite to win the NAC title but fell to Husson in the NAC final 3-2. The team made it as far as the ECAC semi-final where it lost 5-3 to Albertus Magnus.

Courtney Chadburn and the women's soccer team won their second-straight NAC title with a thrilling 1-0 win over Husson. Then they lost to Amherst in the first round of the NCAA tournament 3-1. Chadburn was named the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American of the Year and the NAC Player of the Year for the fourth year in a row.

The men's and women's ice hockey teams are both having good starts to their seasons.

The men's team started off 9-0 before losing to the much hated Norwich Cadets 3-2 at Kreitzberg Arena. Now 10-1-0, the Spartans are looking forward to getting revenge on Feb. 11, 2012 when they host the Cadets in a rematch of "The Battle for Vermont".

The women's team started off 0-3, but has gone 5-2 in its last seven games to bring its record up to 5-5 overall and 5-2 in the ECAC East. The Spartans have already matched their win total from last season and are poised to surpass the highest wins in a season record set in the 2005-2006 season with seven.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly where we recap all of the Spartan athletic events and give you previews of upcoming games. You can like us on Facebook at, Spartan Sports Weekly and can also follow us on Twitter at SprtnSporWeekly.

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Castleton's women's hockey team raises money for Foley Cancer Center.

CSC women's hockey, pretty in pink

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

As the Castleton women's hockey team skated onto the ice, Spartan Arena was flooded by a wave of pink jerseys. Everywhere you looked, there was pink - from the laces on the players' skates to faces painted in the stands.

On Dec. 2 the woman's ice hockey team raised awareness and research funds at the third annual Pink the Rink event.

Karen Sanborn and other community members donated quilts and handmade goods at the event to raise money. Also, the pink jerseys that the players wore for the game were auctioned off.

The game started off with three customary puck drops. Two were by Dr. Richard D. Lovett and Dr. Allan Eisemann of the Foley Cancer Center at Rutland Regional Medical Center, for which more than $8,200 was raised for the cause.

The third drop was by Nikki Hayes, a breast cancer survivor and mother of Kaitlin Hayes, the team's senior defender and captain from Burlington.

"This past March my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer so it's been a pretty long year for us as a family, but she just finished up with her radiation treatment three days ago," Said Kaitlin in an interview with Spartan Sports Weekly. "When we did the puck drop I was a little teary eyed, not only because it was my mom, but because this is my last Pink the Rink game. It's something we started my sophomore year and I know it's going to continue on for years and years at Castleton."

"It is emotional because it's something that I really truly love."

Nikki, who won a quilt this year, is proud of her daughter and the hockey team for what they are doing for the community.

"They represent the college well," she said. "Girls who would never wear pink are out there wearing pink and they're into it 100 percent."

Peg Soule, wearing full hockey gear, was also part of the traditional faceoff. Soule plays for Cutting Edge, a local woman's hockey team that also hosts a learn-to-play program for men and women. Cutting Edge, who raised $4,000 at the Rutland Icebreaker Tournament for the Foley Cancer Center Patient Care Fund, played a scrimmage after the first period of play.

"Hockey is a great sport, you make great friends, and it's great exercise," Soule said. "We can teach you to play even if you have never skated before."

In September 2010, Soule too was diagnosed with breast cancer. Because of her treatments, she was forced to stop playing hockey.

"(Soule's teammates) were great. They cooked for me, took me out and made that effort to connect with me," she said in a cracking voice. "I don't think I would have made it through the past year without my hockey team."

Soule hopes to be back on the ice practicing with her team in January. She praised Castleton President Dave Wolk for what has been done with the Spartan Arena.

"I appreciate Castleton buying the arena and making it a school and community alliance," Soule said. "It's a great thing for the community."

Men's ice hockey starting off strong

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton State College hockey team is off to its best start in history with a record of 10-1, and it proved that it can hang with the best of them last week despite losing to top-ranked Norwich 3-2.

The game didn't start so well for the Spartans as they gave up three consecutive goals in the first period, but they were able to compose themselves and Colin Murray scored his seventh goal of the season just 17:17 into the contest.

In the second period, Castleton capitalized on a power play 5:28 in as Dru Douglas scored his first goal of the season on an assist from both Tyler Atkins and Nick Lazorko.

Even though the team took the loss, coach Alex Todd was happy with how his team skated.

"We played great," Todd said. "We played hard all 60 minutes and matched up with them well. They just capitalized on their power plays."

The Spartans looked to bounce back from the tough loss the very next day against St. Michaels and didn't disappoint. With four different players scoring, including Josh Harris, Murray, who scored two goals, Ben Schoeneberger and Ryan Frost, the Spartans won their 10th game of the season.

"I'm happy with how we bounced back," Todd said. "After a tough loss it's good to win."

Todd is very happy with his team's play thus far despite the fact that he acknowledges there is room for improvements to be made.

"Even though we haven't been consistent throughout the season, we have just found ways to win."

Having lost three players to graduation from last year's team, two of whom were big contributors, Todd had to switch some things around for this year, and it has worked.

Todd cited senior leadership as a big reason why they are playing good hockey.

"Senior leadership is good," Todd said. "We have a senior forward, senior defenseman and senior goalie, so we have that leadership in all positions."

He also noted that he is happy with his five freshmen players, including Frost who has had two game-winning goals and Thomas Shelley who has won both of his games in net including the Rutland invitational final.

The Spartans don't have another game until Dec. 30 when they take on Utica at home.

Looking back at his teams play thus far, Todd is looking to start playing again.

"We have been playing savvy hockey," Todd said. "I hope in the second half we can surprise some teams with our play."

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SGA plans semester

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

The SGA has a lot in store for campus this semester. While not all of the proposed projects are definite, all ideas expressed at the Feb. 1 meeting were new and positive.

Although a big part of Congress meetings involves committee check in, it offers the opportunity for each delegate to bring new ideas to the table.

Most of the ideas generated are to answer common student complaints or other ongoing issues the SGA feels inclined to tackle.

Some potential activities this semester include an Earth Day music festival and at least two New England sports trips. Definite plans include adding three iMacs and PCs to the Fireside game room.

One prospective projects is a "Hot Spot" connection in the Campus Center.

"Students have always complained about the lack of service down in Fireside. We had a performer who couldn't get a connection," said Andre Coutu, a delegate on SGA.

Installing a *DVD-Now!* box on campus is also being looked into. Similar to Red Box, it would not only appeal to students, but also generate an income.

The discussion of instituting a meal plan that includes access to local stores and restaurants has ended. The thought behind its dismissal being that it would be fiscally unfeasible. However, the plan to institute debt or credit swipe laundry systems is in full swing and is foreseeable in the near future.

Other ideas include paving many of the man-made dirt paths that happen all over campus and new environmentally sustainable windows for the dorms.

Another idea proposed is free standing breezeways or gazebos to prevent smokers from congregating under the building awnings during bad weather.

While there is still some debate over the cost, placement, and general preference of those who don't smoke, the SGA wants to gather information before jumping the gun on any possible changes.

A water refilling station is also being considered. It would be sanitary and ecofriendly and would promote minimal usage of disposal water bottles.

Stephanie Terry, SGA President, seems not only hopeful but dedicated to making new and bigger changes on our campus with the help of the Congress.

Student feedback is positive for these changes.

"I'm definitely in favor of the Hot Spot in Fireside. It's annoying and inconvient to use the space and to have to go in and out to text," said student Ben Carstens.

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Costa Rican culture fascinates CSC students

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

Castleton student George Grant thought picking up a male iguana in a Costa Rica rainforest park and showing the enormous animal to his fellow classmates would be an incredible way to start the trip.

But just after arriving for the January term study abroad trip, luck was not on Grant's side. The iguana turned and bit a large chunk out of Gratn's leg leaving him with a hole in his ankle and large gashes on the front of his leg.

Four hours and 27 stitches later Grant was released from a local hospital and put on a flight home after only 18 hours upon landing in Costa Rica.

"It was a single moment that had severe consequences," said Professor Cynthia Moulton who accompanied Grant to the hospital.

Moulton ultimately Grant was to be sent home to recover due to a chance of infection.

"I didn't want to risk it," Moulton said, adding that she gets very attached to each student which made the decision difficult.

The rest of the class continued the adventure through Costa Rica having learned an essential lesson.

"Don't touch any of the animals." said senior Jaclyn Van Eck,

"It was like the joke for the rest of the trip."

The remainder of the 10-day trip consisted of exploring plant life, touring national parks and experiencing wild animals in their natural habitats. While traveling from city to city, students observed and studied much of the diversity and unique agriculture prevalent in the Costa Rican culture.

"I always wanted to study abroad, but I could never fit it in," said Van Eck, adding that the college's January term provided a perfect opportunity for her to study a different culture while not being away for several months.

Starting in San José the group traveled by bus to go on excursions like zip lining, and touring a coffee plantation with stops at waterfalls and cloud forests.

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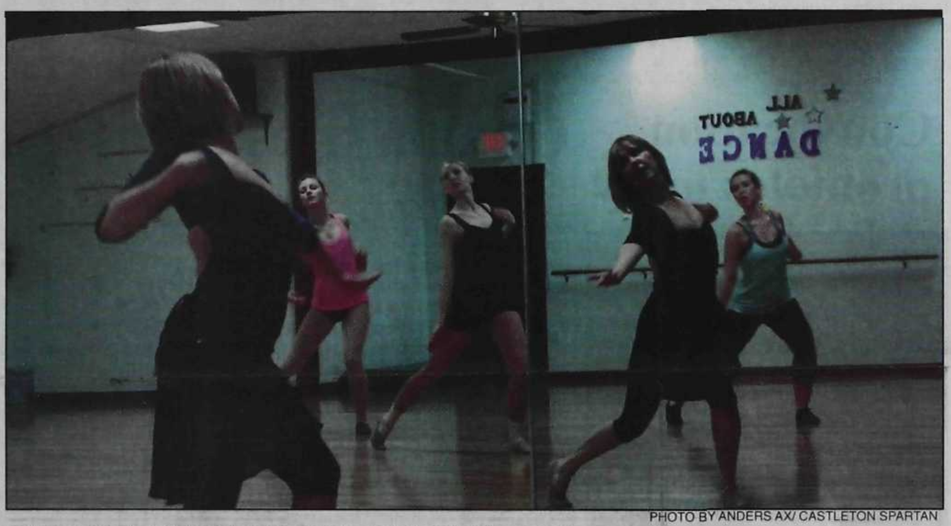
George Grant walks around the jungle in Costa Rica.



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Gayle Lang works with her independent study students in her dance studio.

Dancing in a Gayle storm

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Gayle Lang stands almost half a foot shorter than most of her 16 dance workshop students. Positioned in front of two rows of students facing a room-length mirror, she yells out the dance steps, barely heard over the blaring hip-hop loops.

In the early '90s, Lang's students were nearly two feet taller, and three times heavier. She was teaching ballet to the New York Jets. In her career she has danced alongside country music legends at the Grand Ole Opry, in front of thousands of people and on national television.

She won her first title as Dance Master of America Petite Miss Dance of NYC when she was 7 years old. She was a finalist in the Miss America Pageant as Miss Vermont, and also won a gold medal in the Dance Educators of America National Competition at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Of all the places she could be in the world of stardom, Lang teaches a handful of dance classes at Castleton State College, and more than four dozen other dance classes throughout the week at her dance studio in Rutland.

Miss Gayle, as her students affectionately call her, is the epitome of peppy and wholly devoted to her students, both as a friend and a professor.

"She's not judgmental," said freshman Jessica Potash. "She takes the time to teach you the steps."

"She definitely goes above and beyond," said senior Kenzie McCain. "She puts her students first. Once we were going to have class canceled due to weather, and instead of canceling she moved the class an hour later to meet with us anyway… She's emotionally invested in her students."

Harry McEnerny, chair of the theater department, heard about Lang from his neighbor, whose daughter studied at her dance studio in Rutland. McEnerny was looking for a dance instructor and after a quick interview hired her. That was 5 1/2 years ago. McEnerny said many CSC students have dance background, but Castleton has no dance program.

He said Lang has a potential dance program ready to implement, if student demand warrants it.

"She is interested in much more dance than we're capable of at this school," he observed.

Lang feels it's important to leave personal troubles at the door and always tries to bring a positive attitude to her classes.

And she knows about personal troubles.

When she was born, her legs were turned in at the hips.

At 6 months her legs and hips were put in a cast in order to ensure her feet would rotate outward.

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Castleton student knows he's meant for more

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Tim Mackintosh had the bright idea to see what he could turn his dollar into.

By Laela Warnecke
Spartan Contributor

Connie Mackintosh plopped her 3-year-old son at the kitchen table, placing a solitary marshmallow before him. He gazed up at her with curious eyes and began to motion towards the treat. Gently hindering his reach, Connie dropped down to his eye level and explained the rules of the game.

In a few moments, she would leave the room. There were two options. He could eat the marshmallow as soon as she left. Or, he could wait one minute for her return. If he was able to wait, she would reward him with an additional marshmallow treat.

Connie had heard about the test from a friend; giving it a go couldn't hurt. Apparently, more than 95 percent of the children gulped down the first marshmallow. At that age, most cannot fathom the idea of long-term satisfaction.

One minute came and went. To Connie's surprise, her son stood strong and waited it out to double his reward. He accomplished the impossible.

Accomplishment itself can be tough to measure. But for Timothy Mackintosh, average is never enough. There is always more to be done and something bigger to strive for.

As a 3-year-old, Mackintosh was able to resist temptation in order to strive for better long-term gains. Seventeen years have passed, and this characteristic still holds true.

Friends describe the sophomore business major as a young man with "an infectious personality" and "an unmatched desire to succeed in the impossible." Last semester it was surviving on nothing more than juice for 30 days, a feat which proved successful.

Today, he's working to start his own business through a series of adventures and envoys sparked two months ago

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Republicans brawl for candidacy

The cover of the June 2011 issue of the Economist.

During most election years, the parties generally stick to themselves with the Republicans caring about their primaries and the Democrats caring about theirs. While the Democrats have less to talk about this year since they all know the candidate, you'd still be hard-pressed to find anyone who hasn't heard of the goings-on in the Republican race, regardless of party lines.

Even last year, people had some crazy expectations of the upcoming Republican primaries, and the first four have surpassed those expectations. Perhaps the best illustration of the chaos came in June with the cover of the Economist depicting miniatures of the Republican candidates in a brawl at the feet of Barack Obama.

Back in 2011, although no one knew exactly what to expect, the general consensus was that the upcoming year would be exactly what the magazine cover depicted. Would Donald Trump actually run? Would Herman Cain make history by being the first black Republican candidate? Would Michele Bachmann make a legitimate run at the White House?

The funny thing is these are now complete non-issues. All but four candidates have been weeded out, but the confusion remains. The party is just as divided as when all this started, with a seemingly equal amount of supporters behind each individual candidate. Ron Paul is the only candidate that hasn't won a state, although he did place second in New Hampshire. Mitt Romney won New Hampshire and Florida, Newt Gingrich took South Carolina, and the oh-so-lovable Rick Santorum took Iowa.

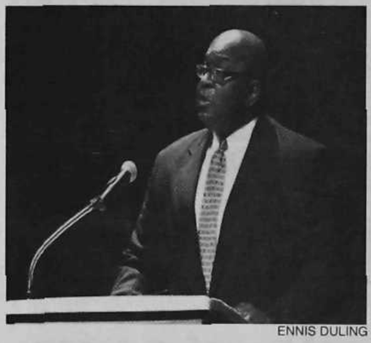
So what has the first month of primaries told the Republican party? For the voters, the one repeated message has been simply to make Obama a one-term president. For the candidates, however, the close fights and almost perfectly-split primaries may be polarizing the party and making their goal of booting Obama unreachable.

While Romney and Gingrich are the early front-runners, there's no telling what the coming months will bring. While it's clear that Republicans want Obama gone, the fighting between candidates over who gets to be the one to do the honors is overshadowing the real issues. The message hasn't been about social reforms or economic changes up to this point, and that's really what people should care about. It makes it hard to say who will really be in front once these questions of policy come into the spotlight.

For the Republicans, the message that should be ringing loud and clear is to unite or lose all hope. Unfortunately, that's not the message the candidates are hearing, although it's hard to blame them. If you're ever in a bar fight, try yelling for everyone to just get along. It will probably work just as well.

- Nick Minarik

Convocation promotes unity



ENNIS DULING

Crispin White, director of the Robert T. Stafford Center for the Support and Study of the Community, delivers Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous address about South Africa at the spring convocation on Jan. 26. White was joined by annual convocation speaker Dr. Michael Kiernan, who issued a message of overcoming the world's woes before joining the Castleton Collegiate Chorale's singing of "We Shall Overcome." President Dave Wolk opened the event with a message about the importance of "unity and dignity" in society.

Obama tries to help students

With the Republican primaries well underway for the 2012 presidential election, many are reflecting on the progress President Barack Obama has made during his first term in the Oval Office. Since being sworn in, unemployment rates have decreased and the financial burden Americans have carried on their shoulders is being relieved. He withdrew troops from a nearly decade long war in Iraq and organized the fall of Osama Bin Laden. But with large numbers of college students voting for "change" in the last election, what has Obama done to help our generation?

Not much, until now.

On Jan. 24, Obama promised a University of Michigan audience that he would work with states, Congress and colleges to keep the cost of higher education affordable. His plan includes removing private middlemen from student loan processing and capping loan repayments at 10 percent of a graduate's monthly income. During the speech, he called on Congress to prevent interest rates on student loans from doubling in July and to offer more work study opportunities.

The most important part of the plan? If colleges fail to keep the cost of tuition down, they risk reductions in financial assistance. Obama and his wife, Michelle, both relied on financial aid and student loans to finance their education, which is partially why he believes "we've got to have an economy in which every American has access to a world class education." This is good news for Castleton State College students, but how realistic is it?

First, Obama would need approval from Congress. Enough said. Second, college presidents like Al Bowman at Illinois State University, called the plan "fuzzy math" and they say they are already frustrated with state budget cuts, according to an interview with *USA Today*. Bowman believes that cutting costs would mean hiring more part-time, adjunct professors and teaching large lectures, which is not great for student.

Where does this leave Castleton?

In 2001, state funding covered more than 20 percent of tuition costs. In 2011, that number was a mere 9 percent, according to president David Wolk. Some students will be leaving the college more than $60,000 in debt. Greater state funding, along with lower tuition would help reduce this number.

The average in-state tuition for public four-year colleges rose 8.3 percent in 2011, according to The College Board Web site. This puts tuition, along with room and board at more than $17,000. At Castleton, that average is $18, 114 for a new, in-state student including tuition, room and board and fees. With this new tuition plan, Obama may allow Castleton to continue being "the small school with a big heart" without the need for a bigger wallet.

- Elicia Mailhiot

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"My heart goes out to Brian's family and friends at Castleton... may he rest in peace." –Joanne Goldstein-Rose

"So very sorry for this incredible loss of a young man who had so much to give this world. I did not know him, nor did I know anyone that knew him. I am just a mom with four young adults, this could be me, this could have been my son. As a mother my heart aches for this tragedy." –Diane Seely

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Fishin' for company, wings, beer and music

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

The Fishtail Tavern located on Route 30 in Bomoseen is open for business and quickly becoming a hot spot for both the Castleton community and locals.

"We wanted to become a good middle place," said co-owner David Rogers, whose family has owned the Track Inn (located above Fishtail) for more than 60 years. "We get all sorts of people who come in. We're not just a bar like the Dog, or a restaurant like the Lake House. We're a place where everyone can enjoy."

Rogers and co-owner Mike Mamunes, a CSC alum, have been hard at work renovating what was a storage area for the Track Inn into the Fishtail, a project that peaked with its soft opening just before Christmas.

The tavern now offers a wide range of entertainment for its patrons. Everything from four televisions, a full pool-table and dart board to live entertainment with bands like Twiddle performing, drawing in regular crowds nightly.

Other locals and travelers along route 30 are drawn in by the fire pit out front, a sign of the welcoming and warm atmosphere awaiting those who venture inside.

"It's a great social spot" said Castleton student Derek Riley. "I like it better than all of the other places in town, and it has great food too."

Others were quick to praise The Fishtail's food, particularly the wings.

"Why drive to McDonalds late at night when you can come here and get better food at better prices," said tavern employee and Castleton student Mike McIsaac, who says that sometimes the atmosphere is almost too relaxing for some customers. "We have people who sometimes forget to pay when they leave and we have to remind them. Even then, they're always back again the next night."

Despite not having done any formal partnerships with the college, Rogers says the tavern is enjoying strong support from the CSC community and that much of the oom in business has come from word of mouth spread by many students.

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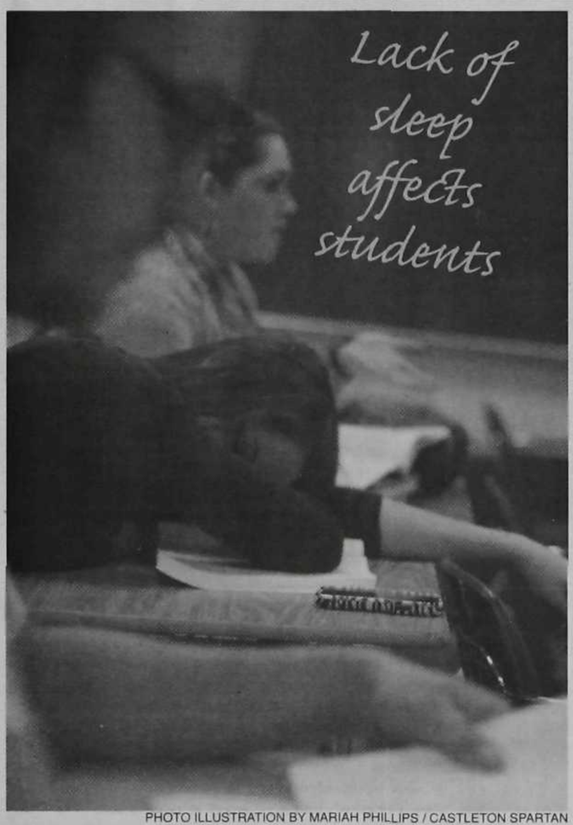
Fishtail Tavern is located below the Track Inn.

"My neighbor told me about it and now I come here every Wednesday," said student Zach Richards. "I can't imagine that a place like this would get any less popular than it is now. It's good to have a place where you can go and spend $6 and get a full meal and drinks."



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A student dozes off during class.

By Jessica Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Look around the classroom. Do you see dazed eyes, yawns and lack of energy in some people? If not, it might be because you're one of those people.

It's no secret that college students are always lacking sleep, but why?

Coordinator of Campus Wellness Education Barbra McCall said for college students, sleep moves down on our priority list after classes, sports, clubs, friends and other activities.

Amberly Soto describes her sleeping patterns as nonexistent and believes her two to four hours of sleep at night are because of her involvement level. Soto is a Community Advisor and also manages theatrical productions. She often is up late finishing homework after being in the theater until 10 p.m. or on duty in the dorms.

"I do it to myself, so I can't really complain," Soto said.

She believes it will be worth it in the end.

"I will be able to catch up on sleep and it will be worth it in the long run. At least that's what I keep telling myself," she said.

According the National Sleep Foundation, people should get about seven to nine hours of sleep a night. However, some students pull all-nighters just to get by during finals. Erica Bilodeau recalls a time last year during final exams when she stayed awake for three consecutive days -- with the help of caffeine. She ended up being exhausted and getting sick.

"It probably affected how I did on my finals too," said Bilodeau.

Mccall said that when we sleep, we consolidate everything we learned and did that day, and we can't just make it up later.

"Taking eight one hour naps is not the same as eight hours straight through. Your body doesn't have time to consolidate what you were exposed to," McCall said.

Elicia Mailhiot also knows she can't blame her sleeping habits on anyone but herself. She gets home between 11 p.m. and midnight and goes on Facebook or texts people. Then when she finally does go to sleep, she's a light sleeper, so she'll toss and turn.

"I always say I am going to go to bed early, but then someone texts me or a good show comes on," Mailhiot said.

The problems caused by lack of sleep, according to The National Sleep Foundation, include risk of heart disease, diabetes, higher risk of depression and increased risk of obesity and motor vehicle accidents. The Foundation's main advice to help people get a good night's sleep is to avoid eating, alcohol intake and caffeine two to three hours before bed. Also, it is best to not look at a television, computer, or cell phone screen before bed. McCall said that the blue light in these devices resembles daylight, making it hard for us to fall asleep after seeing them. She also suggests using a routine to help you fall asleep.

But with the constant use of technology in our lives, will we ever get enough sleep?

Mailhiot has a plan.

"It's just a matter of mind over text," she said.

Happy Hearts to mix it up for Valentine's day

By Catherine Trudell
Castleton Spartan

Are you in a healthy relationship? Does your partner give you what you need to be happy and do you know what they want as well? Do you have a positive stream of communication or is it a lot of texting and screaming? It may be the week of sweet Valentines, but chances are a lot of college students are still trying to find that special someone.

Castleton offers many services to its students, and is about to add one more: Match Making.

On March 1 at 7:30p.m. the Wellness Center will be hosting a Mixer in the Campus Center 1787 Room. The idea for this mixer started with a different project, but through the desires of Castleton students, morphed into something more like speed dating.

On Jan 24 all Castleton students were sent a short and simple email from the Wellness Center that read, "Would you like to find the relationship you deserve? A new group is being formed to meet regularly." The reaction from the Castleton students was somewhat confused. "Are they trying to start a dating group?" said a Castleton student who read the e-mail. Many people read it as a notice for some dating service, and instead of finding it crazy, many students' reactions were excited.

Wellness Center Director Martha Coulter explained the original intention of this e-mail.

"Amy and I and our intern Andrea have really been interested in starting a group that would include people coming to talk about relationships. What they'd like to find in relationships, maybe what they haven't been able to find, and to learn how to go about building a great relationship," Coulter said.

"Many people don't have a lot of good role models to show them or who have been in their lives that are in healthy relationships," Amy Bremel added. Coulter and Bremel explained that they wanted to advertise the group in a positive way, not like a support group, and so they named it Happy Hearts.

They were not expecting the misinterpretation from the Castleton students. The Wellness Centers Administrative Assistant Kate Spaulding started getting a lot of feedback.

"Kate comes to us and says 'Everybody's calling me and saying 'Hey, sign me up for the mixer!'"' said Coulter.

With the reaction from students, the Wellness Center staff decided to create two separate projects.

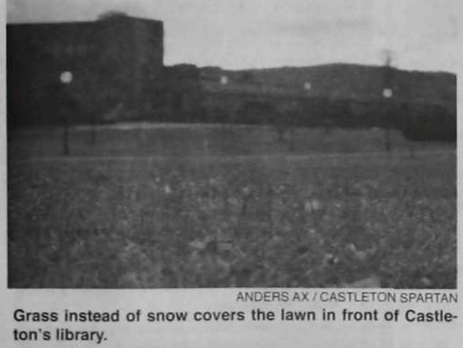
"The fun part is that we decided well we still want to do the group, so we're going to do that...five steps to a great relationship, and have five meetings about different components of relationships. But we're also planning a mixer because we thought what the heck, people must want one!" Coulter said. "It just occurred to us that maybe people are looking for new ways to meet people."

"And it would be in a healthy, safe environment too, versus a bar where you don't necessarily know who you're meeting," said Bremel.

There will be refreshments, music, and a relaxed environment to meet new people and have some fun on a Thursday night.

To sign up for the mixer on Mar. 1 stop in to the Wellness Center on the top floor of the Campus Center or give them a call at 468-1346. Also, keep an eye out for the posters that will give the dates for the five steps to a healthy relationship group.

Students disappointed by lack of snow



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Grass instead of snow covers the lawn in front of Castleton's library.

By Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

Vermont hasn't been living up to its expectations this season, and while some enjoy the lack of snow others are frustrated by it.

"It's nice not to worry about plowing parking lots and moving cars but I would much rather have snow," said Dean of Students, Dennis Proulx.

Students, on the other hand, are outraged by the conditions at Killington.

"After a season like last year's, standards get set pretty high. The lack of snow this season has really crippled the resorts and made skiing or riding nearly impossible," said avid snowboarder, Nate Dunn.

Out of the 140 trails only 96 are open, and out of the 22 lifts only 13 are running. The total snowfall at Killington last year was 263 inches and this year only 84 inches has fallen so far.

"I love to go skiing, but the lack of snow has put a damper on it," said skier Erin Jacobs.

What little snow there was quickly turned to ice, making the trails dangerous and unpleasant.

"It's absurd. I ate shit on a run at Killington cause I caught an edge on ice," said skier Emma Rudnick.

Although many miss their fluffy white friend, others are glad that there hasn't been much of it.

"I hate the snow so the season has been nice without it," said Chelsea Wilberg.

Proulx said that it has been a safe winter for commuters because there's always a risk of accidents while driving in the snow. However, he thinks building snowmen and playing in the snow are both good things.

"Living in Vermont means snow; if we didn't like snow we'd live in Hawaii," said Proulx.

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese & Sondra Olds

What was the most romantic Valentine's gift you've received or given?

Lauren Olewnik

"A mixed CD my husband put together for me."

John Stanley

"I got engaged on Valentine's Day."

Ben Murphy

"I've given two tickets to Water Fire and an expensive giftcard for dinner in Providence Rhode Island."

Dan Probst

"A rose dipped in 14k gold."

Always striving, never relaxing

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

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Senior Catherine Burke rushes through the library, always on the go.

The glass doors of the Calvin Coolidge library swing open and Catherine Burke rushes in. The busy accounting student wears a ruffled purple dress and carries a blue lunchbox, shoulder bag and backpack. She drops her bags and begins talking as fast as she came in.

"I just went swimming and my haircap was cutting off my circulation," she declared quickly. "Scuze me for my state of craziness."

Some students need a little bit of everything, striving to move forward, to challenge themselves and succeed.

Burke treats her education like work. She's up early, drives the hour to school, hits the books, and when she leaves she knows the drill for tomorrow: Rinse. Wash. Repeat.

"It sounds like I'm such a drag, such a boring isolated person and I'm not, I have a schedule to keep to," Burke insists.

Incidentally her schedule forces her to treat her friends like appointments, penciling them in when she has the time.

There's rarely opportunity for her to lose herself in a movie and blur out everything else. But she'll never stop working, even when admitting to getting burnt out.

"I want to do a lot of big things," she admitted.

"It's not that I want life in the fast lane."

For Chris Kiernan, a Castleton senior, he says there's no such thing as too much education. He already has an X-ray technologist degree and a job at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, but is in school to play football.

"I could have settled for just having an X-ray degree," Kiernan explained. "But now that I'm going to have more education I don't just have one door open in front of me, I have three or four.

One day, he hopes, a door to running a hospital will open.

Kiernan, like Burke, never sits around. The offensive lineman is on the leadership council for sports teams, is an academic captain for the football team, works on Student Academic Council and Peer Advocates for Change.

"I definitely feel like I put work in everyday but there's always a feeling you could accomplish more ... I've never had the feeling that I don't accomplish enough," Kiernan said.

Kiernan says both his parents influence his work ethic, but has looked up to his father -- a man happiest when working – as his source of inspiration..

"Its funny, out of everything I do my parents still, I mean they don't tell me I don't do enough, but they kinda hint at 'how come you don't offer your services to your father as much,'" he observed humorously.

Laela Warnecke's parents and friends are quite the opposite. They ask her when she works and if she does any work at all.

Oh but she does.

She's majoring in English literature, tutors writing in the academic support center, and participates in the intervarsity Christian fellowship club. She also gets up at 4 a.m. Tuesday's and Saturdays to work at Dunkin' Donuts from 5:30- 9 a.m.

"I could sit down and read 20 pages of someone's commentary on a literary analysis or I could write my paper that's due tomorrow and I usually pull things off," she said. "I'm a lazy student, I'll admit that."

But Warnecke is a humble individual, and though she underplays her academic work ethic, she still feels accomplished when she goes to sleep. If there is homework unfinished she'll wake up at four in the morning to complete it. She's got Dunkin' Donuts to thank for that.

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Trip to India opens student's eyes

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

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Men in Calcutta wave to the camera.

How do I write about something I have not yet even begun to process? This year, instead of staying home for the holidays, two days after Christmas, I ventured into the unknown, the vast and mysterious India, home of the Buddha.

I have not yet been able to give anyone—let alone myself—an honest answer about my 17-day experience.

It isn't the 14-hour plane ride, the hungry children, the exotic smells of burning trash, curry, opium and kerosene or the lepers that have troubled my mind. It's the ease with which I live my life upon return.

The strangeness did not occur while feeling the hands of beggars tugging at my shirt, tapping their hands on my elbows, or when seeing the children, strung out street side, waiting to catch someone's eye. It was not seeing the hungry, following us from market to market.

For me the strangest experience has been my re-entry to the States. My familiar home suddenly seems more foreign than the one 7,000 miles away I just came from.

For me, the hardest thing has been to remain conscious in a society that has so much, yet still wants more.

India is the dirtiest, most beautiful, friendliest, scariest and the most enlightened place in the entire world. Though I'm no world traveler—this being my first real experience with the foreign — I can't imagine a place more pleasantly different than India.

A place where the heroes are monks, nuns and Bodhisattvas, India is indescribable. It's a place where despite the hunger in the city of Calcutta, people will still offer you Chai as you browse their kiosks, though there is no promise of your purchase. It's a place, so believing in the power of Karma and rebirth that families leave their entire wardrobes to hang dry in the streets, and no one could imagine stealing.

For me, India wasn't about checking another country off my list of places I have to see before I perish, it was about experiencing the spirituality of a place too immense to know.

I became used to the noise, the constant blaring of the horns in traffic, the barking of stray dogs.

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CSC alum finds rhythm in Rutland

By Chuck Smith
Castleton Spartan

At Café Terra in Rutland, Castleton State College alumnus Julian DeFelice is about to perform. It's 10 minutes until the first of three acts from his independent record label, Indiaman Traitor Judah Magdeline Records, is to play. The 25-year-old will be on stage for the second and third.

That's not to say he'll be idle while the first act is on stage. The first performer is Jensen Ellen, who doubles as Sparklebox's lead singer. She's a gently-framed, shy-smiling, leading-lady and DeFelice is with her the whole way through.

DeFelice wears many hats while his label's talent performs. He's programmer, producer, back-up musician, sound guy and audience member. He adjusts the levels while Ellen sings, applauds when she's done playing, and chats up the band with audience members between the songs.

Lily Ames seems surprised by the sound coming from Ellen, and trails-off mid sentence as she sang.

"She's really good, I knew she could sing but..." the co-owner of the café said smiling and shaking her head.

Ellen's stage presence is reserved, but her voice carries. Her guitar, a deep-brown acoustic with a squared patch of pink in the center, looks as unassuming as she.

Her songs come with a heavy dose of reverb-laden-lyrics on the microphone, accompanied by reserved chords from the guitar. The singing gets most of the attention. The notes she sings are echoes over echoes of ghostly longing. There's emotion in those notes, and Ellen is not afraid to let it out.

When she isn't working on her voice and her guitar chops, Ellen is a barista for Ames at the coffee shop. "I knew she played, but never heard her like this," said Ames. "It's awesome, and the show came together so quickly."

Credit that to DeFelice, a veteran when it comes to playing at this venue. Jacob Pluta, the café's other owner, said DeFelice's performances are legendary there.

"Julian's first show was probably the biggest one we've ever had," he said.

As Ellen wraps her final song, she remains on stage - if it can be called as much. Tsables and chairs are pulled from the front of the shop, to carve out a small square by the windows, which face outside to a quiet hill on Center Street, in downtown Rutland.

The audience applauds and Harry "Gingles" Dulaney, drummer for Sparklebox, walks to the drum kit in the corner. DeFelice, outside smoking on the steps in front of Café Terra, notices the players.

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(Left to right) Chaz Canney, Julian DeFelice and Harry Dulaney perform at Café Terra in Rutland.

"It's their band," says DeFelice about Sparklebox, "I'm just jumping in for a song or two."

What he calls jumping in, would be better suited if called shy contribution. He's not even standing with the band. Rather, he sits, first row, in the crowd facing the band, with an electric bass over nonchalantly-crossed legs.

From the bar it'd be impossible to tell he's with them.

Marc Latzky, a Rutland-based promoter who works, and occasionally plays, with DeFelice and company, has an explanation for his contribution. "We'll all work together, during shows," says Latzke. "We're all about the same thing."

Meanwhile, Sparklebox is raging on. Ellen's vocals have transitioned from whisper-soft, Fiona-Apple-folk to Karen-O-attitude. Behind her, sits Dulaney who mostly pounds the floor-tom, fast and ferocious enough to match her energy.

Dulaney had previously been taking his hacks playing music in Boston, where he cultivated his attitude on music. "It's a do-it-yourself style now, and I love it," he said. "It's friends playing together, not on stages, they're in basements, and loving to do it."

It even feels like a basement show. It's small, intimate, and the band is on top of the crowd. Even the drinks are brought from home. It's BYOB - and the beer cans rest in backpacks. *Café Terra doesn't serve liquor, but by all* means, the patron may bring in his own.

Between sips of coffee - or beer - the audience is steadfastly listening, mostly sitting, with feet tapping as the trio plays. A Sparklebox song can best be described as an indy-grunge blend of peaks and valleys, oscillating between heavy-handed driving chords and drums; to bare-boned soliloquy with only Ellen and her microphone.

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Art on display

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Bill Ramage and Gene Childers Stand in front of Childers' sculpture that is on display in the libreary lounge part of the exibit entitled "A Most Unusual Band."

Review: Robopocalypse ★★★★★

Books rarely get much media attention, but one release this winter has caught the attention of reviewers everywhere. I decided to check it out for myself, and it met and surpassed all expectations I had. Robopocalypse by Daniel H. Wilson is a book with a name that almost kills it. I heard the title and had no interest whatsoever, but the hype saved it and introduced me to one of my favorite contemporary works.

The novel is set in the vague near future, in a society that is different from our own in only a few ways. The governments of the world have mandated certain safety features in cars, making them "smart" by allowing them to communicate before crashes to minimize damage. People have robot servants and military operations are mainly handled by unmanned drones, but other than that the fictional world is very relatable to reality.

The entire book takes place relative to "Zero Hour," which is the starting point of the New War that pits all of humanity against the machines. I'm sure you can imagine the hell that would break loose if every bit of technology we rely on in our daily lives turned on us in one instant, but the novel tells it to you in amazing detail that only an author with a Ph.D in robotics could deliver. What's even more impressive is that he does it in a way that won't alienate anyone, even those who don't even know how to use any of the devices he talks about. Not to mention the writing skill is impressive for most popular contemporaries, let alone one with no writing background.

This is a page-turner in the best way. Every time I started reading I didn't want to put the book down, but this book should be savored. It provides solid entertainment and food for thought at the same time.

Basically, the events of this novel could happen in our lifetime. That's what raises this tale of the apocalypse brought on by the technology we created from a simple sci-fi action thriller to a truly chilling tale of what could befall us. Combine this with a deep commentary on human nature, and you get a riveting and accessible read. I give this an enthusiastic five stars and encourage everyone who can read this review to go and read the book.

-Nick Minarik

"Hot Club" visits Castleton

By Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

Silent movies and jazz music were the focus of Wednesday's performance in the Fine Arts Center by the Gypsy jazz band called the Hot Club of San Francisco.

It was a performance dubbed "Cinema Vivant," and is based largely on the Gypsy jazz music of Django Reinhardt and his music in the 1930's. Gypsy jazz has "swinging, jazzy feel but many of the songs are waltzes," according to the band's brochure.

Like Django, the band uses only string instruments and features a lead guitar, two rhythm guitars, a violin and a folding bass.

They played a few songs on stage before the movies started. The three movies, all silent films, included "There It Is" by Charley Bowers, "The Cameraman's Revenge" and "The Mascot" by Ladislaw Starewicz.

They all came out between 1912 and 1928, featuring live action and stop motion animation.

Students seemed to enjoy the movies, though adults were laughing quite a bit more.

"They were a lot different than the movies today," said Castleton freshman Michael Otis.

The combination of the jazz music and the old school movies kept people entertained throughout, although students, as is typical with Soundings events, weren't overly enthused.

"It wasn't bad. Films made it better," said Castleton freshman Russ Koss.

The movies, despite being from a time long passed, still had plots and problems we face today.

"There It Is" was a comedy that revolves around a Scotland Yard officer sent to investigate a house that is supposedly haunted. The officer has to catch a man who looks like the old dancing guy from the six flags commercials, only with a mustache.

"The Cameraman's Revenge" was about married beetles. A beetle at a night-club cheats on his wife and a grasshopper who is angry and out for revenge, follows the beetle to a hotel and records what happens through a peephole. It also had a somewhat surprising ending.

"The Mascot" is a movie reminiscent of a Disney movie. It featured toys coming to life, like "Toy Story," though the toy in this movie was a dog. The dog decides to take a stroll around France one night. It then transforms into a dark picture, featuring devilish looking figures that would remind you of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," before ending on a happy note.

Students seemed to be entertained though some still were seen texting away.

"It was better than a lot of the other Soundings." Said Castleton freshman Stephen Luna.

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Lang taught ballet to N.Y. Jets

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When she was 18 months old, her mom was playing the Nutcracker Ballet on the TV and Lang was mesmerized.

Ballet, as chance would have it, would be perfect for her and help rotate her feet properly, her doctor told her mother. There was a local dance studio, Dance Workshop in Lyndonville, Vt. Dancers had to be at least three to be enrolled and Lang was only two.

Her mom fudged her age and enrolled her anyway.

"I was hooked from there," said Lang. "I wouldn't even take my ballet slippers off when I went to bed."

A dancer was born.

The rest is history. She danced for 18 years at Dance Workshop while performing and competing in national circuits and then studied at American Ballet Theater School in New York City.

Her greatest professional accomplishment, she says, was performing at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

"Wow, I actually did it," she recalls thinking once she was there. "I got that job myself."

When Lang taught the New York Jets "grace, jumping and landing," she sent them home unable to walk by the end of the second class. From then on they were much more appreciative of the "sissy-ness" they thought they had been learning.

In the mid '90s though, her life turned upside down. She was diagnosed with lymphoma and moved from New York City to Pawlet, Vt.

When the cancer began going into remission, she switched from conventional medicine and began taking natural treatments instead. But after an asthma attack, her health spiraled dangerously.

"It was awful," Lang recalled. "For a while I was not conscious. They had to comatose me."

She was intubated and a breathing tube was inserted into her esophagus. Doctors injected steroids into her system in order to keep her airway from constricting around the breathing tube.

When she became conscious again, Lang said she was so weak she couldn't sit up. She couldn't even talk.

The steroids that were injected into her system to save her life devastated her extraneous muscles and shrank them leading to a condition called steroid myopathy.

"I had the worst case," Lang remembered. "Seven doctors said that they had never seen steroid myopathy so bad."

Her rehabilitation lasted more than a year and during her confinement to a wheelchair Lang contemplated that there could be more to dancing than just being a performer. She could give her talent by teaching.

"If I can get on stage, it's my home," she said. "But when I sat in that wheelchair all day I realized I was going through that for a reason. I realized I had a gift to teach kids."

Lang's recovery was nothing short of miraculous. She would soon open her dance studio, All About Dance at Grand Performance, in Rutland. She began teaching everything from ballroom dancing to pointe technique for ballet, and at every age group.

Lang says colleges still ask her why she doesn't go back to the city to teach, but she argues that there is as much talent in Vermont as in the cities.

Everyone who walks through her doors is taught, she added. Even children with autism, dyslexia, and spinal complications.

"That's the way it should be if you're gonna work with kids," said Lang.

Lang knows full well how important it is for her students to accomplish their dreams. She also knows students who had been dancers before their college career simply need to dance. Otherwise, they've told Lang, they would be going insane. To her students, former and current, Miss Gayle is a friend, a therapist, and always leaves her door open for them.

"I want that," Lang said. "To be a part of their lives."

Sacrifices of academic dedication

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Were there more time in a day she would certainly read more to branch out. She always looks forward to when she can just chill out with her boyfriend and recite Shakespeare.

Castleton's small size allowed some former students, like Justin Garritt, to branch out. If you've ever met him, he fits the bill exuding dedication and enthusiasm.

Garritt graduated last May and now works as a sixth grade math teacher in Baltimore for the Teach for America foundation. The non-profit organization employs dedicated and enthusiastic students teach two years in low-income areas.

Garret said that upon his arrival at Castleton he noticed an enormous amount of activities that needed leadership. So he took them up.

"I went in starting to get involved and all these things happened," Garritt said. "Things spiraled, sometimes for me it was too much, but you keep working."

Though the work was sometimes stressful, difficult, and humbling for Garritt, his great group of friends and Castleton President Dave Wolk, whom he regards as "one of the greatest men I've ever met," helped him become a stronger graduate student, teacher, and person.

Faculty members agree that if students would challenge themselves the benefits will last.

"If a student takes the time to manage their time they can be successful," said Matthew Patry, academic counselor in Babcock Hall.

Dennis Shramek, chairmen of the English department, says when he sees hardworking, dedicated students, "I feel like I died and gone to heaven."

For Burke, Kiernan and Warnecke, it's their last year at Castleton. Burke thinks she'll want to work in a Fortune 500 company or pursue her real passion and interact with people in human resources. She's not the person to sit in a cubicle and stare.

Kiernan will leave his options open, willing to take up the next test.

At the end of the day some students, like Laela Warnecke, will get up at four in the morning to open Dunkin' Donuts even though it "isn't worth the money."

"Where I'm at now," Warnecke said, "I have enough money to pay my bills...I kinda feel inclined to work and go to school because if not I feel like a," she pauses. "A waste almost."

Reflections on India

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I got used to the food—mostly rice, flat breads, and paneer, a cottage cheese dish cooked solid, divided into cubes and covered in the most foreign of sauces. I got use to the smells—human excrement, trash on fire, petroleum and diesel filling the air.

I became so adjusted to this place that my homesickness was just a nagging desire for familiar food and people who knew the location of Vermont on a map, but nothing more.

Touching down in New York City was a shock. Despite the reputation of being dirty and noisy, it was nothing compared to what I had just experienced.

What do I say about that which I can't even begin to comprehend? I went to India. The real shock is that despite the slums, the people who live under tarps in trash piles, those who do not have enough seem to want very little more than what they have.

But I feel as though I'm dancing around the issue. In India, $400 is 20,000 rupies. I literally walked through the markets feeling wealthy, like I could have anything I wanted. Do you know what I realized? I don't really want that much.

America is spoiled. Our lives are easy. Our jobs are cushy. Our homes are big. The difficulty for me lies in the realization of these things. It's difficult, without sounding preachy, without sounding as if I have seen something you haven't, even though I have, to try to describe to you the reality of our world versus theirs.

In India, one in every six people is a monk or a nun. The country is overridden by spirituality, compassion and the sanctity of human life. People walk around, coveting the esoteric teachings of Buddhism, the arcane knowledge of Hinduism, the sheer respect of human and sentient life embodied by Jainism.

If I could say anything about India, it is that I have no idea what to say. Anyone who knows me knows I am not easily confounded, that I am a reactionist always poised with a response. If India gave me anything, it was the ability to be okay with not knowing the answers—something that formerly kept me up at night. I have never been less sure of myself and more comfortable with my obliviousness than I am now.

And despite the fact that I am back to being a broke college student, living hand to mouth, I've never felt more rich in my life. I've never felt more at ease, or more comfortable. I know where I will sleep at night, that when I am hungry there is food, and that I can drink the water without fear of injury or death. I hope to hold onto this feeling forever, or at very least, until my next trip to India.

Student makes the most of life

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with a one dollar bill in aisle five of Hannaford.

Mackintosh, a part-time maintenance worker at the store, was sweeping when he discovered the wayward Washington.

"At first, I was like, 'sweet, I'm totally buying a candy bar during my lunch break.' But then as I was sweeping, I thought more about it and decided this happened for a reason. I mean it's not every day you sweep up a dollar."

Pennies and nickels, yes. But never dollars.

Mackintosh remembered Kyle MacDonald, the Canadian blogger who bartered his way from one single red paperclip to a two-story farmhouse in a year. Like every other outlandish idea before this one, Mackintosh saw the opportunity as test — a test proctored by "The Big Guy," "The Man Upstairs." You know...God.

Mackintosh was raised Christian, and he believes he was put on this earth for a specific purpose. "For me, everything is a test of my abilities. God has a plan for me, and I'm not about to let Him down."

Mark Mackintosh, Timothy's father, saw special gifts in his son early on. "Timothy continually chooses to walk the path he knows to be right," Mark offered. "He uses the gifts he's been given in the right way."

These gifts allow him to lead in an unmatched way.

"He makes people do things," Emilio Cibula, one of Mackintosh's closest friends, believes. "It's his voice and the way he talks. He's very confident, and people listen."

His baritone voice, jet-black beard, attentive gaze, and professional wardrobe mesh perfectly. People take him seriously and, more importantly, are drawn to him.

Monday through Friday he can be found in the upstairs lounge of the Campus Center. It's not unusual to find him at a small table surrounded by an eclectic group of friends. These include members of Castleton's Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, a group where Mackintosh serves as treasurer, DJs for WIUV, the station where's he's known as DJ Tiny Tim, or members of the Business Club, a club where Mackintosh is...need I say it?..president.

He can be found taking part in any and every event. Unless, of course, he is carrying out his duties as Castleton's head lifeguard.

"I want to do all I can now to become the man God wants me to be tomorrow," Mackintosh confessed. "I'm doing that by taking advantage of every opportunity sent my way. Sure, I could party and waste these years away. But where's the gain in that?"

Some people gobble up the first marshmallow set before them without considering better options. Others, like Mackintosh, are strong enough to wait and prepare for something more.

A man of many instruments

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DeFelice leaves the set, and the sound transforms again.

From full to raw — but songs seem to be written with that intention. There's no reduction in quality, when it's just Ellen and Dulaney.

As Sparklebox closes, Chaz Canney, Rutland native, sax player, flautist, and backup singer for Defelice enters the shop. "They're only going to get better," says Canney in reference to Sparklebox, "They've only rehearsed all these songs, like, eight times. They're good."

Sparklebox finishes, and Ellen departs the stage. Dulaney stays. He'll be playing drums for J. Rumney, DeFelice's stage name.

With DeFelice singing, and going back and forth from keyboard to guitar, Canney shows equal versatility. He plays riffs on the saxophone between DeFelice's lyrics, and plays melody on the flute over keyboard chord progressions.

J. Rumney's sound is new. Hard alternative meets indie-folk over pop-rock undertones that make for compelling arrangements.

Former CSC art major Anna Arthur-Sgalia, is feeling it.

"I like the switching up of instruments," she said. "Sax, and flute and guitar, and since they're not being that prog-rock [progressive rock] stuff, it's pretty cool."

It's a sound that has its roots buried in rock and roll, but with branches on the forefront of experimentation. Songs like "Don't Stop 'Til The City is Gone" feature choruses dusted with influence by Beatles-like harmonies between DeFelice and Canney.

Tunes like "Bat Masterson" sound more like twisted Death Cab for Cutie cuts.

"These guys are more creative than we've seen around here in a long time; it's not about playing covers anymore," says Latzky. "This new group of musicians is exceptional."

DeFelice has no plans to stop with the original music. After releasing an album last October, "Hallows Eve," he's hard at work on his next one, which will be out in summer, 2012.

More of DeFelice's music, as well as music from other bands on his record label, can be found through the Facebook page for ITJM Records. The album Hallows Eve can be downloaded for free, in its entirety at www.jrumney.com. Sparklebox recordings can be found, similarly, at their self-titled Facebook page.

SGA has big plans for campus

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"It will be a nice change. I also really think the computers are going to be a great addition, since there are no computers open to students in the Campus Center."

Another student, Dalton Crete, agrees with Carstens. "These will be great additions. And if they do decide to add more gazeboes—since there's only two on the entire campus—they should consider weather proofing them, screening them in or something."

"It will be exciting to see how they institute the new changes," says student Lauren Tulikangas.

For those interested in being involved in SGA, the meetings are held weekly in the SGA office in the Campus Center from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Students study in Costa Rica

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"The culture is absolutely fascinating and to see the vast amount of animal diversity was an opportunity that comes around rarely," said student Stephanie Perkins. She also stated that she would love to visit Costa Rica again in the future.

With the trip counting as four course credits and also filling a science frame the trip was not all fun and games.

Students were required to keep a journal and complete several other projects and reading assignments, along with a final reflection paper.

"It's very rewarding to show students things they wouldn't otherwise see," said Moulton.

She hopes to teach the course again in the future, and give more students the opportunity to experience tropical diversity first hand.

"The program offers a highly educational and memorable experience" said Perkins, "my time spent in Costa Rica was truly life-changing."

Men's basketball splits weekend in Maine

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The men's basketball team was in Maine over the past weekend to play Maine-Maritime and Husson University in consecutive nights.

The Spartans defeated Maine-Maritime on Feb. 3 by a score of 77-58 to sweep the season series between the two teams.

Castleton had two players in double digits.

Mark Comstock finished with 11 points, and Greg Hughes finished with 10, going three for five beyond the arc. David Cochrane also had a good game, grabbing eight rebounds and adding seven points in the victory.

"We did what we needed to do to win," Coach Paul Culpo said of the victory.

The very next day the Spartans played Husson, losing 96-78.

The Spartans had trouble putting the ball in the hoop the whole game, only shooting 35 percent from the field.

Matt Cooney, who scored a team-high 12 points and added four rebounds, had himself a good game, while Logan White had 11 points. Dammy Mustapha also played well in the loss, scoring six points and a team high eight rebounds.

"We didn't play well," Culpo said. "They played very well; it was just their day, not ours."

Castleton is near the top of the conference standings for the third year in a row, and Culpo is confident in his team's ability to play down the stretch and into the postseason.

"I like our chances in the postseason," Culpo said. "The key for us is just having the willingness to believe in ourselves."

The Spartans' next game is Feb. 11th at home against Green Mountain College.

EMMA RUDNICK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
CSC freshman Chad Pulver jumps to make a basket against Farmington.

Women's basketball dominating at 13-1 in conference

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's basketball team dominated the court Saturday against Husson University, marking their tenth win in a row. The final score was 73-50.

Senior forward Vanessa Powers lead the Spartans, posting a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

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Stephanie Bull takes a shot against a Maine Farmington defender on Jan. 28.

"I couldn't have done it without my team. The guards did great reversing the ball and finding the open player," Powers said. "We came into the game knowing that Husson was not going to let us walk into their gym and take the win. We lost to them at the beginning of the year, so we had to prove to them and ourselves that we are the better team. We played like it was the championship game."

Sophomore Alyssa Leonard scored 16 points, senior Christine Jaques scored 12, sophomore Stephanie Bull dropped in 10 and freshman Meghan O'Sullivan contributed nine for the Spartans.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ENNIS DULING
Christine Jaques looks to make a move against a Maine Farmington defender on Jan. 28.

At halftime, the Spartans were up 33-18 and maintained a double-digit cushion for the entire second half.

The Spartans shot 52.5 percent and held the Eagles to just 34.5 percent. The Spartans also converted on many of the turnovers they caused, scoring 29 points on 20 Eagle turnovers.

Powers is confident the team will make it to the playoffs.

"I think that we have a great chance of going all the way and even hosting the tournament this year as long as we continue to work hard and play together. We need to continue to get better because every other team in our conference is working hard. We just need to be one step in front of them," Powers said. We have bonded as a team and we play off from each other. We have chemistry, which helps us as a whole.

The Spartans are now 16-4 overall and 13-1 in conference play. Next they will take on Green Mountain College at Glenbrook Gymnasium on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Spartans winless in last two games

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

In the Spartans' two most recent games, they suffered one loss to UMass-Boston and drew a tie against Babson, both of which were Eastern College Athletic Conference games.

On Feb. 3, the Spartans squared off with UMass-Boston, who they beat back in November 6-3. In the first 22 minutes of play, UMass-Boston scored five goals, which led them to a victory against the Spartans, 5-4.

At 5:32 in the first period, UMass's Travis Daniel scored a power-play goal. It only took two more minutes for UMass to score again, when Andrew Burke scored for the Beacons.

Daniel scored his second of the game, giving the Beacons a 3-0 lead. Bryan Albert scored the final goal of the first period for the Beacons with just 1:46 left. Just 1:10 into the second period, the Beacons scored their last goal of the game thanks to Corey Chakeen.

However, it wasn't until the third period that Castleton started getting on the board. Just 2:47 into the third period, Castleton's Justin Alonzo scored an unassisted goal. A minute and a half later, on a two-man advantage, Ryan Delorme scored with assists from Josh Harris and Ben Schoeneberger. The Spartans scored another power-play goal at the 5:49 mark, making it just a two-goal difference.

With only eight minutes remaining, Harris scored again off assists from Cody Ayers and Colin Murray. With continuing pressure throughout the end of the third period, the Spartans outshot their opponents 16-3 in the third period alone.

UMass-Boston goalkeeper Kevin Bendel made a total of 32 saves against the Spartans. Thomas Shelley came in to relieve Erick Cinotti, playing the final 45 minutes, giving up a pair of goals and making 14 saves. Cinotti made nine saves.

Just a day later, the Spartans tied Babson, who they beat previously in the season by a score of 6-1.

Two minutes and seven seconds into play, the Spartans got on the board with a goal by junior Dan Bell, assisted by Justin Alonzo and Nick Lazorko. It only took Babson six minutes to respond with a goal by mike Driscoll, on a power play.

While the entire second period went scoreless, it wasn't until the third when Dan Bell scored again off assists by Ayers and freshman Ryan Frost, giving the Spartans the 2-1 lead. However, Babson came back with just 40 seconds remaining to tie the game at 2-2 on a power-play goal by Shayne Anderson. After five minutes of overtime play, Babson and the Spartans weren't able to put the puck into the net, leaving the game in a tie.

Cinotti recorded 29 saves in the game, while Babson's Andrea Peabody made a total of 42 saves.

The Spartans haven't registered a win in their last three games, making them 15-4-2 on the season, with a 10-2-1 record in the conference.

The Spartans will next face off against St. Michael's College on Friday, Feb. 10 at Spartan Arena. Then they will play their rival game at home against Norwich on the Feb 11.

Women tie wins record

By Lucas McGovern
Castleton Spartan

With its dramatic 2-1 overtime win over Nichols College on Feb. 4, the Castleton State College women's hockey team tied the program's record for wins in a season at seven.

Just after the start of Castleton's second overtime game in as many days, Jade Werger ended the game in spectacular fashion for the Spartans, scoring on a penalty shot only 17 seconds into the period.

The penalty shot was awarded to Castleton when a Nichols player attempted to cover a puck in the crease and was charged with a delay of game.

Game-winning goals should feel pretty familiar to Werger as this was her sixth game-winning goal, and her 11th goal on the season.

The scoring started in the first period by the Bisons, who scored a shorthanded goal from Talia Hohmann with 10:55 remaining in the period

Castleton responded five minutes later with a score by Molly Howard with the assist coming from Meagan Hulbert.

Katharyn Dembowski started in net for the first two periods and saved 22 shots. The red-hot Paula Stephens replaced her in the third period and recorded a shutout for the final period and overtime.

Just the day before, the Spartans started their weekend by traveling to Rye, N.Y. to take on Manhattanville.

The highlight of this 0-0 nailbiter was great goaltending.

Freshman Paula Stephens stopped everything that went her way, ending the game with 48 saves, six of which came in overtime.

Even with Stephens' strong performance between the pipes, Castleton's offense couldn't produce, taking just 16 shots in the game, compared to Manhattanville's 48.

The Spartans improved their record to 7-12-1 on the season, and 6-7-1 in conference action.

Castleton looks to build on a successful weekend away and returns home on Feb. 10 to take on Southern Maine in Spartan Arena.

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Ryan Sweeney pushes his way down the icy track.

Adrenaline rush drives CSC grad head first

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

While most spend their summers traveling, relaxing, and spending time with family, Castleton graduate Ryan Sweeney does the opposite. Working 50-70 hours a weeks might not seem the least bit appealing to others, especially during the summer, but to Sweeney, it's all worth it.

Sweeney participates in skeleton racing, a sport that most people would probably never consider because you're lunging your body, head first, down a racecourse at anywhere between 65 to 80 mph.

In skeleton racing, you begin with a push-start, sprinting as fast as you can for about 30 yards. You jump onto your sled and very gently start the course. You direct the sled with slight head movements called head steers, shoulder steers, knee steers, and foot steers.

"I'm more of a shoulder steerer, sometimes a toe steerer," Sweeney explained.

Sweeney most recently returned from Austria in the end of January, where he claims he didn't do so well.

He finished 17th out of 24 racers, competing against world cup sliders.

"They were just on a higher level than I was, they've raced a lot more courses," said Sweeney.

Sweeney graduated from Castleton with an exercise science degree in 2010. Since then, he has put off attending graduate school.

"I had to make the decision between continuing to slide and going to grad-school," said Sweeney. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. I enjoy it so much that I'll see where it takes me."

Back in high school, Sweeney attended Whitehall High School in Whitehall, N.Y. There he competed in the school's junior bobsled program.

His two younger sisters, Olivia and Emily also participated. In high school, he competed in the Empire State Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. He won gold in junior bobsled two years in a row. However, it wasn't until 2009, his junior year of college, that he got interested in skeleton racing.

"My mom made me go watch my sisters' races once. She asked me how I liked it, and I told her I'd much rather try doing it than watching it," Sweeney said.

Sweeney's sisters have since then taken a break from racing, but his youngest brother Noah has just gotten started.

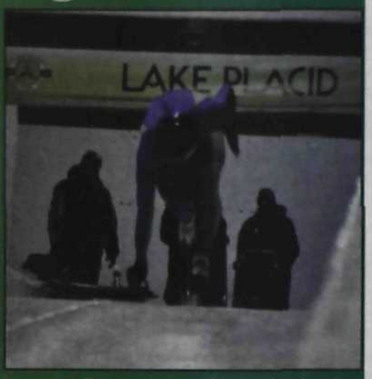
"I saw Jimmy Shea for the first time, and I said, 'Oh my god. That guy is crazy!'" said Sweeney's mother Andrea, in a previous interview with Michael Bonner of the Post Star. "Who would go down a sled head first? Lo and behold, I have three kids doing it," said Andrea Sweeney.

While the sport of skeleton racing seems extremely dangerous, Sweeney said he has never taken a serious crash.

"It's an adrenaline rush. It's not something you can get anywhere else," said Sweeney. "They say the closest feeling is sky diving. It clicks with me."

Skeleton racing is also a very costly sport. This year alone, Sweeney has purchased a new helmet, two pairs of runners, and push-spikes, which are specifically designed to run on the ice. He also paid off a previously purchased sled. Also, every time he participates in a race, he must pay a race fee for each individual race, and pay for his hotel and flights if necessary. In order to pay for all of this, Sweeney works two jobs.

"I gave up a lot of opportunities for this summer, not enjoying it, not being able to do what I wanted to do, but I knew I was working for a purpose, and I couldn't let that go," said Sweeney.



Sweeney is currently accepting donations, but wants to make some sort of name for himself before he starts begging for money, he says. So far in the 2011-2012 season, Sweeney was seventh in Park City, 13th in Park City, sixth in Calgary (twice), 13th in Lake Placid, and 12th in Lake Placid.

As far as his future goes, he says that going to the 2014 Olympics would be nice, but there are a lot of other sliders who have slid on tracks he has yet to race on, so they are much better than he is.

However, the 2018 Olympics in South Korea are a possibility.

Next year, there are four tours, the World Cup, which has the top three sliders, who are all fully-funded, the ICC, which are the next three placed sliders, who are partially funded, the Europa Cup, all in Europe, and America's cup, which he has previously participated in.

"As far as this year goes, it's the national championships in Lake Placid in March, then it's the start to the offseason all over again," Sweeney said. "[That's when] I'm back to working to pay for sliding."

Men off to Regionals, women come up short

By John Shramek
CastletonSpartan

It's early February and there isn't any snow on the ground at Castleton State College.

But while the winter season has called in sick so far, the Castleton men's and women's ski teams have been acting like it is business as usual this season, tearing up the slopes with the hopes to return to the United States Ski and Snowboard Association National Championship races for the third year in a row.

First, though, the teams had to get through their new division rivals including Babson, Brown, UConn and Umss-Amherst in the ECSC MacConnell Division. Co-Head Coach Chris Eder described the teams' new division as " considered by many to be the most competitive USCSA division in the country."

In the final regular season races of the year, the women's team finished in sixth place in the Feb. 4 giant slalom race that was held at Crotched Mountain in Bennington, Vt. and it finished fourth in the Slalom race on Feb. 5.

The lady Spartans' finishes were not enough to qualify them for a postseason berth, though, ending the team's hope of returning to the USCSA National Championships.

According to Eder, the top five teams in the division earn a spot in the USCSA Regional races. While Castleton was fifth overall after the 10 races, The ECSC MacConnell Division selects the top five teams based on the finishes of the top seven skiers on each team.

In this scenario, according to Eder, Castleton came in sixth place.

"It is simply heart breaking to know that we finished fifth overall when you look at all ten races and then find out that you're not making it to the postseason," Eder said. "Our women have been working so hard since the beginning of the fall semester to earn a spot to the USCSA National Championships and to not even be able to advance to the Regional Championships is disappointing."

Eder added that while the outcome was disappointing to all involved, the circumstances of races made it very thrilling for everybody to watch.

"It was exciting to watch it all unfold. It came down to the second run of the tenth race of the season," Eder said. "[Co-Head Coach] Dale [Solotruck] and I are very proud of the way that our women battled it out to the very end."

The men's team on the other hand turned in second place finishes in both races during the weekend and will be advancing to the USCSA Regional races again.

"This is a very competitive division. Clarkson University is ranked fourth in the nation, while Castleton is sixth, UConn seventh and UMass eighth," Eder said.

"Dale and I are extremely pleased with the way they have skied all season. To finish second in our first season in the ECSC MacConnell Division is something to be proud of."

But unlike most year's, Castleton's overall goal isn't simply to compete well enough in the USCSA Regional Championship to advance to the National Championships. This year they want to carve up the competition.

"Our goal this season is different as we want to win it all. We know we can. Clarkson will be going in as the favorite, but we have beaten them three times this season and came within a half-second on two occasions," Eder said. "We know we can do it."

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Steven Zotter at a slalom event at the Castleton Carnival, which was held at Pico.

Kyle Turner

Sports Talk

Castleton Athletics has had its ups and downs since the last issue of The Spartan came out.

The men's ice hockey team suffered back-to-back one goal losses to Plattsburgh State up at Plattsburgh. Since the two losses, the team is 4-1-1 with a tough 5-4 loss to UMass-Boston last Saturday. The team should not feel too bad about their loss, considering that UMass-Boston is the only team to defeat Norwich. However, the men are second in the Eastern College Athletic Conference East and they host rival Norwich on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Spartan Arena. Look for a very rough and hard-fought game in the rematch of the "Battle for Vermont."

Women's hockey has matched its highest win total in school history with seven after beating Nichols in overtime this past Sunday. Jade Werger scored her team-leading 11th goal this season on a penalty shot to give the Spartans a 2-1 victory. Coming into this year Werger only had five career goals, and she has 11 already with four regular season games left. If she can keep this going next year, the Spartan's offense should improve.

The men's basketball team is ahead of Maine-Farmington in the North Atlantic Conference standings, barely. Both teams have a NAC record of 12-2, but Castleton holds the better overall record at 13-8 while Maine-Farmington is 12-8. The Spartans have four games left in the regular season before the NAC playoffs start, and they are all against conference opponents. Also, junior Mark Comstock is close to scoring his 1,000th career point. As of now, Comstock has 972 points and with just four games remaining, he needs just 28 points before becoming the 16th Spartan to reach the 1,000 point plateau.

Women's basketball has continued its dominance of the NAC and lead the conference with a 13-1 record and an overall record of 16-4. The team's only conference loss came at the hands of the Husson Eagles 73-68 in overtime back on Dec. 9. The Spartans are currently on a 10 game-winning streak and their next game is at home against Green Mountain this Saturday at 1 p.m. The women will "Play 4Kay" on Valentine's Day against Johnson College at home at 5:30 p.m, to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research and the Kay Yow Foundation.

The men's ski team is also enjoying success this season. The men were ranked sixth in the country to start the season and have maintained that position so far.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly where we recap all of the Spartan athletic events and give you previews of upcoming games.

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'Chicago' donates to Locks of Love

By Chelsea Smith
Spartan Contributor

The current Castleton State College production Chicago is calling for the '20s style bob haircut for the actresses and hair designer Staci Jedlick came up with the idea of putting all that chopped off hair to good use.

So on March 2, the theatre department will be hosting an event to cut their hair, and the hair of anyone else, and donate it to Locks of Love.

"I thought about the girls we had ... how they all had really long hair. Then I realized that we could be giving it back by donating to Locks of Love," Jedlick said.

Anyone can get a haircut, with the only cost being the hair that is cut and donated, she said. Donors must have at least 10 inches cut in order to qualify for donations and only hair that has been bleached is not accepted, according to Locks of Love policy.

"It's a great thing ... We're hoping people will come out. I don't know if they will, but we really hope they do," said Harry McEnerny, chair of the theatre department and director of Chicago.

Two hairdressers, who are related to members of the cast, will be volunteering their time to come in and cut and style the hair. There is already a lot of support from the cast with 16 of the 21 actresses agreeing to get the flapper doo and donate their hair.

"I'm one of those crazy people who likes to switch it up all the time. I'm so excited I can't wait," said senior Robynn Stanley.

Not everyone is as pumped as Stanley about cutting their hair though. Christine Newburg, a junior with hair well past her waist, is a little apprehensive.

"I'm so nervous. My hair hasn't been shorter than my shoulders since the 6th grade. I don't like my hair short, but it's going to a good cause," Newburg said.

The chopping of the locks will take place at 11 a.m. in the costume shop of the

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Students against higher education costs

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Students of Johnson State College wear the amount of debt they owe and their hometown on their t-shirts at the rally in Montpelier.

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

With growing consciousness surrounding the costs of higher education, students, faculty and staff from the Vermont State College systems converged on the Montpelier State House early Feb. 7.

The main issues being brought to light were the cost of higher education, the lack of state and federal support, and the changes that the legislatures needed to make.

Judging by the turn out—some 150 or more protestors—the issue is slowly gaining visibility.

Castleton State College Student Government Association President Stephanie Terry was among the many leaders present to speak about not only her own struggles, but also her fears for the future generation.

"I come from a family with four children. It's not a family with money. One of my greatest fears is how my siblings will access higher education—more so, if they even will be able to get there," she said the morning of the rally.

Other SGA president's from the VSC system spoke out as well.

"If you think about tuition costs at Johnson, it's about $8,500 a year and that's $34,000 for a four-year education, just in tuition. You're not talking about your room, your meal plan, your books, gas or groceries, or if you have

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Can we ban the bottle too?

By Bryanna Allen-Rickstad
Spartan Contributor

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A discarded water bottle lies on the ground in the snow in front of Woodruff Hall.

The University of Vermont recently banned the sale of all plastic water bottles from campus and recycling leaders at Castleton State College say this campus should follow suit.

But Castleton students sometimes seem uninterested in making it a more environmentally friendly place with trash cans that overflow with plastics, even though recycling bins are just steps away.

Professor Paul Derby, who started the Green Campus Initiative in 2005, thinks banning plastic water bottles is a solid goal for students to aim for. But how does this idea become a reality?

"Students! The only way this could happen is if students get involved," said Derby, adding that student involvement is one of the most difficult parts in getting a project underway.

But some students seem intrigued and excited about this idea.

"We need to actively educate people on campus about sustainability. If we start with small changes, those changes can grow over time," said junior Caleb Kinney, treasurer of the Green Campus Club.

Derby agrees, saying the framework is already set up for more recycling to happen.

"Castleton has a great recycling system, it just doesn't get used as often as it should," he said.

If the sale of plastic water bottles was eliminated from campus, it would drastically cut waste produced each year. And because the college pays Casella to collect the trash, less trash means more savings, Derby said.

But there may be some roadblocks to the plan. Derby said Pepsi pays the college $20,000 a year to sell their products and endorse certain campus projects. Pepsi provided the scoreboards and vending machines on campus. And for every bottle of water sold, Castleton also gets a percentage of the profits. Most of the money is used for Residence Life on campus, officials said.

Another consideration is the sale of water during sports events like football games. Water would have to be available during games so the ban would impact only Fireside Café and The Coffee Cottage, said Scott Dikeman, chair of Sustainability Working Group.

Banning plastic water bottles would have some downfalls and students would have to be persistent. "Pepsi owns campus," said Dikeman, adding that it isn't as simple as ending the contract with Pepsi. He said everyone involved must be on board, including staff from other Vermont State Colleges because they buy Pepsi products together.

"It's like buying something in bulk. The more people in on it, the cheaper it is," Dikeman said.

But Dikeman said he likes the idea and is going to continue to work with students to move forward.

"I know it could work. Most people have their own water bottles and it would be so much better for the environment," said freshman Chris Villa.

Not only would the environment benefit, but so may the students.

"I bring my own water bottle every day. I don't have a meal plan, so I'm definitely not going to waste money

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Plastic water bottles are recycled by Green Campus.

Viver Brasil

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Members of Viver Brasil perform at a Feb. 14 Soundings event displaying incredible strength and balance.

Sodexo to become VSC's new food service

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

After 20 years of service, Aramark's food service contract with the Vermont State Colleges is expiring and the company is being replaced by Sodexo.

That means starting next fall, Castleton students will be eating food provided by a new company.

In a recent e-mail sent across campus, Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman announced that Sodexo will take over food service at Castleton and the other VSC colleges by the fall semester. Additionally, over the period of a year and a half, $1.2 million in improvements will be made to Huden Dining Hall, Fireside Café and the Coffee Cottage.

There are many options that have been proposed to improve Castleton's dining services, but Dikeman said details of the contract with Sodexo are still being finalized.

Various possibilities, Dikeman said, include marché-style preparation in which students would see their meals prepared before them, as well as a vegetarian section and a food section catering specifically to students with gluten, nut, lactose, and other food allergies.

Dikeman added that expanding Huden's service hours to accommodate for athletes and busy students has been proposed, as has a take-out option allowing students to take their food from the dining hall, which wasn't allowed under Aramark.

Potential meal changes are also being designed for Coffee Cottage and Fireside Café.

Students have had mixed opinions about the switch from Aramark to Sodexo.

Jessica Goodman, a sophomore studying global studies, is happy abou the change.

"I think Aramark doesn't really have much for what everyone on campus wants," Goodman said. "I'm really not happy with the way it is."

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Protestors demand lower tuition

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Student hold signs bearing their tuition debt at a demonstration in Montpelier on Feb. 7

Clearly, the cost of tuition is too high. With enrollment down, students transferring or dropping out and the costs rising, we certainly have a huge problem to solve.

This year, legislatures and representatives alike want to blame Hurricane Irene for the lack of state support in financing affordable higher education. While this has brought up new issues, tasks to be completed, and diplomacy to institute, there will always be a "Hurricane Irene" and an excuse of some sort will abound to make education a lower priority.

At the Feb. 7 rally at the state capital, more than 150 concerned faculty, staff, students and supporters gathered to make their message clear that enough is enough.

One student leader from the VSC system passionately almost pleaded with legislators for help. "We don't go out to eat, we don't go to the movies, we don't do things with friends, we cannot afford to buy things. We beg of you just this, let us have our education."

And isn't he right? When was the last frivolous spending a college student did without thinking, "Oh damn, I really shouldn't have spent that," or "I should've saved that for gas to get home."

It's getting and harder to pay for college, this much is clear. What's not clear is why the generation who had free or subsidized education before us won't recognize the benefits of supporting this generation's attempt at higher and more quality education.

All around Vermont, students and their supporters are speaking out against this injustice. Vermont is 48th in state support, 50th in federal aid and the message at Tuesday's rally was clear; we the constituents require attention, support, and priority.

And although even in the cold, the protestors maintained positivity, even joking about the situation in order to lighten the mood.

"I'll owe a house by the end of this," joked Dustin, a Johnson State freshman, "I'm not sure how nice it will be, and I don't know the address, but I'll owe them a house."

According to the 2010 State Higher Education Finance Report, the current funding level of 17 percent was down sharply from 2001, when legislative appropriations accounted for 24 percent of the VSC's budget. In 1980, approximately 50 percent of the VSC operating budget was derived from public funds.

One thing is clear; the steadily decreasing level of legislative support for the VSC system has correlated directly with ever escalating tuition.

"The results," says James Dempsey, SGA President at Johnson, "are clear to anyone trying to pay for a public college education in Vermont – ever mounting debt."

And while this is not an issue to be solved overnight, it is one that is in need of dire attention, support, and more now than ever, action.

- Megan Harris

Loss of sight won't affect his outlook on life

My roommate sits down at his computer, ranting about the amount of organic chemistry work he has to do. A Facebook status pops up on my new feed about how deeply stressful work is when a customer is mean. Endless posts appear online about a poor guy being friend-zoned.

Meanwhile, Lonnie Bedwell takes joy in skiing down a single slope at Pico.

And he's completely blind.

Recently, a reporter for the Spartan wrote a story about the United States Association of Blind Athletes' outing to Pico, and she described the experience as "incredibly humbling" and "amazing." She had the pleasure of speaking with Bedwell, a Navy veteran, carpenter, skier, and single father of three daughters (his wife left him after he became blind). For someone with the odds stacked that immensely against him, one may expect a slightly gloomy disposition on life.

Well, that assumption would be wrong.

"All I know is I've been going to the top of the hill and going down, and I'm as happy as a possum on a slop bucket," to quote him exactly.

After Bedwell became blind, his wife left him and he took sole care of his three daughters, whom he promised he wouldn't get too involved in anything until he got them through college. A feat even more incredible, perhaps, is that he took up carpentry after becoming blind. He now builds houses for 40 hours a week, despite having absolutely no vision.

A lot of students have been complaining about lousy ski conditions on the mountain this year, and many of them have access to Killington, which is the better of the two mountains. This man, however, came all the way from Indiana to ski one trail on Pico a few times and had absolutely no complaints. All he could think about is how blessed he was to have people who cared enough to help him.

College can be difficult, this is a fact. However, is it so difficult that you have to stop your day to complain about how terribly difficult it is and how no one else quite understands how hard you have it?

Lonnie Bedwell would clearly answer, "No."

Amidst this amazing tale of happiness against all odds, lessons can be found for those who are fortunate enough to have all of their senses. You may have a lot of homework now, but you won't in a year. You probably won't have the same homework next week, and you certainly won't be carrying the same burden for 15 years.

Sure, everyone can complain all they want, but what good will it do? If a blind man hasn't lost sight of that fact, there's no excuse for anyone else.

- Nick Minarik

Sounding Off

Quotes from Hot Club of San Francisco "Cinema Vivant", February 1, 2012

"If I compare jazz to country I can say that it is similar in the sound and instruments used. It has similar beats. They differ in that this music uses only string instruments, where country uses other types as well as string. They also differ in that country always has lyrics.

"The silent films gave the music much more emotion. When the film showed fear, the instruments enhanced this and therefore enhanced the music. It also gave more meaning to the sounds of the instruments. The film allowed the meaning of the music to be clearly understood and enjoyed."
—Chelsea Sheehan

"This style of jazz is very different from my favorite music genre, which is reggae. Unlike reggae, this band has no percussion or vocals, and consists only of string instruments. But, unlike reggae, the music from tonight's performance is very lively and upbeat. I really liked the way it accompanied the films by adding drama and suspense. Without the accompaniment, the films would not have been as fun to watch."
—Mariah Eilers

Quotes from Warriors Don't Cry, February 7, 2012
From the Artists in Residence discussion:

"The good old boy system is about white organized clubs. An example of this might be the KKK. I believe that Castleton College can benefit from the experiences of the Little Rock Nine by exploiting bullying as a non-productive course. I feel it is important to have historical and accurate accounts of the pivotal civil rights movement. I am hoping that the relevance of how we treat our people is important and makes a difference. I also think that Castleton students should identify and learn from the horrific situation like the Little Rock Nine endured, and to not take education for granted."
—Melissa Hamblin

Quotes from Viver Brasil, February 14, 2012

"Capoiera has elements that remind me of ballet in its softest moments, and Karate in its hardest forms. When the dancers spun or "wriggled" through the air, that was clearly dance. The stiffer movements reminded me of Tai Chi. During climatic scenes, when the dancers cut through the air with their open faced palm, it reminded me of Karate. I don't know much about Brazil but the colors of the costumes remind me of South America. The floaty quality of some of the costumes also spoke to a warm climate"
--Grace Garner

"The first dance contained many dance moves where one dancer seemed to be striking the others; they would mock being hit and fall back.

Repeatedly, I saw dance moves that resembled the movements found in nature: I saw birds represented, trees swaying in the wind, stalking movements- like an animal stalking its prey. The costumes, especially in the last dance before intermission, reminded me of Inca clothing and the music reminded me of Eastern (Japanese) percussion at times, as well as sounding Brazilian"
--Peter Franzoni

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 8
Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai
with Filmmaker Lisa Merton,
6:30pm, 1787 Room
Free, No ticket required

Vermont filmmaker, Lisa Merton, contextualizes her dramatic film which tells the tale of Wangari Maathai , the Kenyan Nobel Peace Price Laureate whose nationwide movement to protect her homeland gave powerless women and impoverished communities new sources of income, food and freedom...and it all began with the simple planting of trees.

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Nice to meet you, Shun Yao Chang

By Jess Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Shun Yao Chang came here from Taiwan this past fall. He is teaching students Chinese and getting his master's in education. His undergraduate degree is in English Literature and he enjoys teaching Chinese because he also gets to teach his culture.

Q: How do you like it here?
A: "I think I like in the way of quiet, but personally I like a big city."

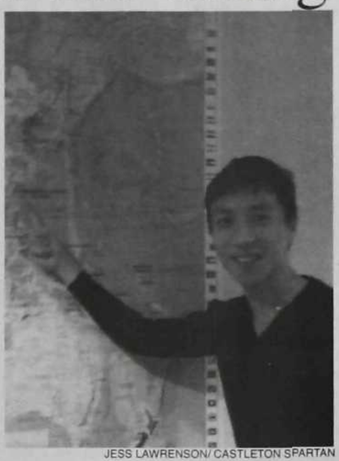
Q: What do you like best here?
A:"It is new to me and I like teaching...It's different."

Q: What is the hardest part of being here for you?
A: "Language barrier. I can speak English, but not well. Especially in class with trying to be professional. I get confused."

Q: What is a big difference between here and Taiwan that sticks out to you?
A: "People and food are different. Student and teacher relationships are different. It is all different."

Q: What do you want to do after Castleton?
A: "Continue teaching Chinese in the United States or go back to Taiwan and teach English."

Q: What was your dream as a child?
A: "I kind of wanted to be a pilot."



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Shun Yao Chang points to home country Taiwan on a global map.

AMBER DUMAS / SPARTAN CONTRIBUTOR

Joann Larson twirls her scarf as members of her belly dancing class follow her lead.

Belly dancing finds rhythm at CSC

By Amber Dumas
Castleton Spartan

It's noon on a Monday and a group of women in veils and hip scarves draped with golden coins are gathered in the dance studio of the Fine Arts Center. Within minutes, these professors and Castleton State College staffers would be gyrating to various beats under the belly dancing guidance of Joann Larson.

It all started when Larson decided to use her lunch break time to practice for an upcoming show. When others expressed an interest in learning her unique dancing moves, Larson contacted the Wellness Center to jump start the belly dancing class. Larson, a belly dancer of 10 years, was then free to offer the class to students and faculty alike.

"I started in college and then when I moved out here, I took a class and have been belly dancing ever since," Larson said.

For Larson, belly dancing has been beneficial on a lot of levels.

"It's not only really fun, but it's also empowering. Women of all shapes, sizes, and abilities can do this," Larson said.

"It's good exercise because you isolate different muscle groups that you don't use normally."

Larson said she makes the class fun by incorporating different moves and different music, including AC/DC if you can believe it.

The class also isn't limited to women. Men are also free to join too, she said, although none were present at the recent session.

"Some of the moves are a little different, but a man can belly dance," Larson said.

Professor Melinda Mills joined the Feb. 13 class as a first-timer.

"It looked like fun, so I thought I would check it out," she said.

The class meets every Monday in the Dance Studio at the Fine Arts Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Asked what prompted her to take the class, professor Deb Larson, no relation, was quick to answer.

"I decided to try something different, new year, new activities," Larson said. "It's a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to check it out."

Sue Reedy, who also takes yoga classes, said she enjoys the class. She said after sitting down for several hours at a time, it's nice to get up and move around.

"It's similar to yoga. You certainly should come and try it," she said.

CSC athletes work to share sports

By Jennilee Mark
Castleton Spartan

The athletes of Castleton State College are teaming up to make sure kids in underprivileged countries have the opportunity to play sports too.

Working with Right To Play, an international foundation that gives underprivileged children an opportunity to make their lives better by playing sports, Lindsey Gullet, a Castleton senior ice hockey player, has some big plans.

To raise money to buy sports equipment for underprivileged kids across the globe, Gullet plans to hold the world's longest dodge ball game here on campus. He plans to have athletes participate by playing or volunteering and getting pledges for their efforts.

Gullet is working with the Right To Play USA National Director Lindsay Hower. In recent phone interview, Hower said she loves the interest Gullet has taken in the organization.

"Most find our mission inspiring because the power of sport is so universal. No matter where you're from, sport is immediately understood as a catalyst for teamwork, self-confidence, health and more," Hower said. "Right To Play's core competency really is deploying a 'train the trainer' model for teachers and community leaders."

Gullet realizes this goal and wants to help Castleton students understand the same.

"It will help athletes get to know one another and gel with one another," Gullet said.

He believes many people will be up for the challenge in the spring because it's for a good cause, boosts Spartan pride and it has the extra incentive of possibly getting their names in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Gullet brought the charity to Castleton because he believes everyone should have the opportunity to play sports and because sometimes we take it for granted. Castleton is the fourth college in the United States to start a Right To Play Others include Stanford, Brown, and Fordham University.

Castleton State College President Dave Wolk said he's behind Gullet and his ideas 100 percent.

"The idea is ingenious, "Wolk said. "It's a win-win-win all the way around."

Gullet, who admits he got the idea of breaking a record from watching Regis and Kelly, said dodge ball is good because it isn't weather dependant and people can stand there for a bit, throw the ball and it still constitutes playing. The current record is between 30 and 36 hours, so the plan for the game at Castleton is to be somewhere between 40 and 44 hours, he said.

Kaitlin Hayes, a Castleton senior women's ice hockey player and a member of the Right to Play group on campus, is psyched about the event.

"It's really great he [Gullet] brought it to Castleton. It helps put Castleton on the map and fund-raise for kids in poverty-ridden countries," Hayes said.

Gullet knows the almost two-day event will be draining, but he encourages people to stay focused on the goals.

"Where would you be in your life without sports?" Gullet asked. "We wouldn't all be here at Castleton. We've gained a network through sport."

He is still waiting to hear from Guinness World Records about his application and to learn all the exact details and rules for inclusion.

In the meantime, he wants everyone to just keep spreading the word about the organization and get excited about breaking a world record.

"After all," said Gullet, "Records are made to be broken."

Senior Column

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

I wonder how often it is that a reality check occurs to people while they're sitting on the couch? For me it happened just the other day.

While watching TV, my room-mate came in looking rather flustered. He proceeded to tell me how our landlord had been calling him over and over for the past week or so asking if he had found new tenants to replace us for next year.

Listening to his story I realized, "oh yeah, I'm not going to be here next year. I'm graduating in three months." And that was that.

This year has sped by for me, a blessing considering the horror stories we so often here about college seniors failing their culminating exams or not graduating by one credit.

I haven't had much trouble in way of classes and all around I've been enjoying the sense that I will soon never have to sit behind a desk ever again if I so choose.

But a strange reality that I have had to deal with is the fact that where I am now is quite different from where I had intended to be.

I've always seen myself as wandering freely by this point in my life. After graduating I always thought that jumping a train west or hiking Glacier National Park in Alaska with nothing but my backpack was a perfect plan.

As for work, I always sought to have the job that would take me across the globe and keep me as far from a sedentary lifestyle as possible.

A photographer seems natural. Photojournalists travel all over the place and never settle down, right?

But now I'm finding myself in a strange world that is very topsy-turvy from where I had originally thought of myself as being.

I'm not necessarily going into work where I'm spending all day in an office cubicle, but I am finding that my priorities are a bit more ... responsible.

Instead of leaving my family, I've come to embrace them a bit more and be thankful for their support in my making it this far. I have a significant other now as well, and being with her I have seen that perhaps having a place to be "at home" might not be so bad either. As always my friends have been there for me too.

I've already begun to look into jobs near my home in Massachusetts and though they may not be what I had wanted in the beginning, they are ones that will help my family pay back my loans and help to build a better home for my future hopefully.

In the past year I've come to greatly understand just how bad a shape the world around me is in and how unless great changes come about it's not getting any better anytime soon.

I may never get the opportunity to go the places I had once hoped to, though I haven't given up my dreams to one day reach them. But for the time being I'm beginning to see how a life supporting those I care for might not be so bad either.

V-Day brings abuse awareness

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

While giddy couples pranced around on Valentine's Day, exchanging cards, chocolates and dinner dates, one group at Castleton was working to spread a different meaning of Valentine's Day.

To them it is more than that - it is a day to raise awareness to end violence against women and girls.

According to the V-day website, "V-Day" is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

This Valentine's Day, the Peer Advocates for Change at Castleton sponsored their own V-Day event in the Campus Center, to help raise awareness at the local level.

The volunteer group on campus consists of students who have been trained to educate the campus about sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and harassment. They also provide a hotline for people who need help.

"The booth was really about sexual assault awareness and relationship violence awareness," said Amy Bremel, the CHANGE Initiative Coordinator at Castleton. "We wanted to have another 'Got Consent Day' and thought it would be a good day to do that."

The booth featured quizzes testing people's knowledge on relationship violence and consent. They also encouraged students to wear their 'Got Consent' shirts and were handing out prizes to those who did.

"If they wore their shirts-- they got a prize," Bremel said. "They were strawberry flavored condoms."

Group members also handed out information about the Peer Advocates for Change and the Rutland County Women's Shelter.

Jessica Janus, a Castleton sophomore who was manning the booth, said that they were essentially trying to change the meaning of Valentine's Day, to show love in a positive way.

"Most of the time on Valentine's Day you hear phrases like Be Mine, etc.," Janus said, adding that the group was trying to express that phrases like these can often have possessive and demeaning implications.

"We just wanted to show that there is more to Valentine's Day than that."

Samantha Barrale, a junior at Castleton, said she was very pleased with the turnout and that they were able to help raise awareness.

"A lot of people came with their 'Got Consent' shirt, which is really good, and a lot of people have been taking the surveys, filling them out, and just being active," Barrale said.

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Members of Peer Advocates for Change bring awareness of abuse on Valentine's Day.

Freshman Column

By Rebecca Roe
Castleton Spartan

There's never really been a real answer in my mind to curing all stress and making sure that I'm getting all my homework done along with still having a great social life.

I was always that student that went to all her classes, did all her homework, and still had time to be with friends. Now, I'll be lucky if I get five minutes where I'm not worried about my homework or grades.

This is where it just gets pathetic, when I'm actually ditching my homework to have a social life; my conscience screaming at me to go study.

I know, I'm a writer and I love what I'm doing, but sometimes I definitely do need a break.

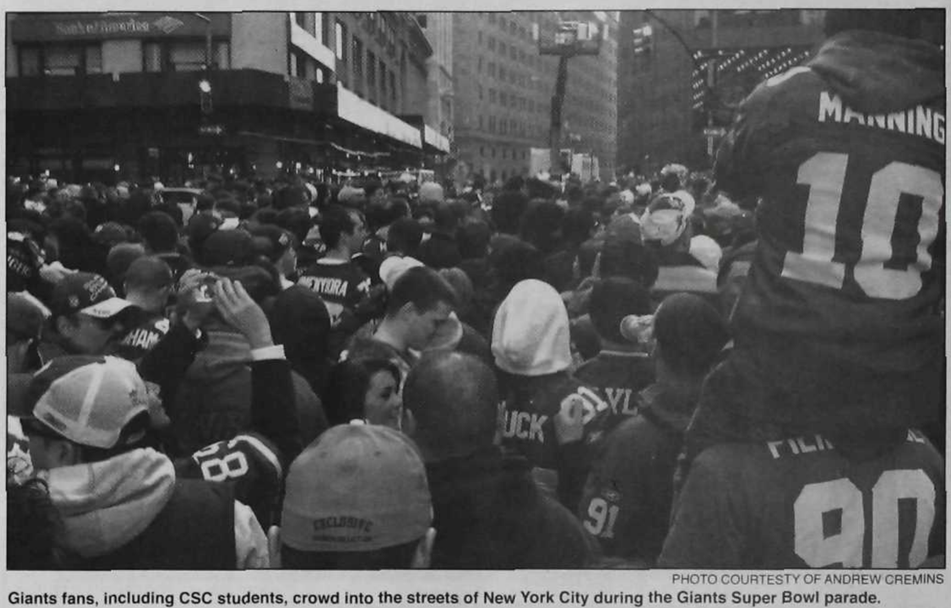
I must confess, however, my life isn't as hectic as my roommate, and charming friend, Kate. She's a music education major with a concentration in piano.

"We don't get any down time, we get practice room time," Kate tells me as we discuss how crazy our lives have been lately.

It gets really tiring and old after awhile of never having time to sit down and have a nice conversation with a friend, or curl up in your room to a good book. Make a schedule!

It's the best route to take to manage time. And remember to put those books down every once in awhile and get out, but not for too long.

Those grades still need to be great for mom and dad!



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Giants fans, including CSC students, crowd into the streets of New York City during the Giants Super Bowl parade.

One Giant parade

By Andrew Cremins
Spartan Contributor

All of New York City was blanketed in Giants blue as massive amounts of people gathered in the streets during the team's Super Bowl parade last on Feb. 7.

It was an exciting day to be Giants fans like Castleton State College students Kevin Alberque, Ryan Stanek and Stew Quinn, who drove down the day before the parade and stayed at the Alberque residence.

Giants apparel smothered the streets of New York and when asked what it was like entering the city, Quinn said, "Everything turned blue."

"[The] most epic day of my life," Quinn said.

The Castleton students said people were going insane and almost getting into fist fights just to get into better spots to see their favorite Giants players.

"People were crowd surfing, chanting and climbing telephone poles, he said.

Quinn described it as being crazy, chaotic and exciting all at the same time. To him, the players are more than just people playing a sport, they're more like "super heroes."

Alberque said the city on that Tuesday was "nothing but red, white, and blue," and it was if the entire city was on hold for the Giants.

"Cops blocked off every street, except for the first and last," he said.

Stanek is a Dolphins fan, but even so, he said seeing the parade was a "once if a lifetime chance."

After the parade, the students went over to Giants Stadium, where they met up with two other Castleton State College football players, Matthew Callanan and Stephen Vitale. They had missed the parade

Although Vitale said he has been to the city many times, this time was different.

"I felt the most comfortable I've ever felt in the city," he said.

A special moment for Vitale was when the fans joined in singing happy birthday to Giants player Justin Tuck's son at Giants Stadium.

"Made me feel like I was a part of the New York Giants family," he said.

He said he was also very moved by the speech Giants owner Pat Mara gave.

"I couldn't help but shed a tear," Vitale said.

Callanan, who also missed the parade, found some of the Giants fans really entertaining.

"Three kids were jumping up and down on a car and got arrested," he said.

Quinn had such a good time, he even took a souvenir home with him.

"I took three pieces of confetti I'll keep forever," he said. "I'll never forget this day."

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One fan will do almost anything to get a better view during the post-bowl parade.

Makin' up for lost time one day at a time

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

Sara Yager is 5, or 20, depending on how you look at it. She was born Feb. 29, 1992, and her birthday comes once every four years.

Yager, a sophomore nursing student at Castleton, is a leap day baby or a "leapling." According to leapyearday.com, the odds of a child being born on Feb. 29 is one in 1,461 births. Yager, originally from Brattleboro is proud of being a part of those odds, but that wasn't always the case.

"When I was younger, I hated it, but now that I'm older and know more people with the same birthday, I think it's awesome," she said.

She celebrates her big day on Feb. 28 of what she calls "off years," but her parents have always made the day feel special growing up, even if the day didn't exist.

"My parents would write in a 29 on the blank box after the 28 and we'd skip March 1 essentially," said Yager.

In a leap year, one additional day is added to the month of February in order to keep the calendar year in sync with the seasonal year. Yager's brother found this idea challenging as a child.

"When I was little, my brother would actually get confused as to why the calendar people forgot to put my birthday on during the off years," she said.

Yager herself was confused as to the phenomenon behind her birthday for many years, but in her wise five years, she has become more understanding and accepting of her big day.

"When I was younger and first learned, I hated the fact that I only had my birthday every four years. I didn't like explaining it to people because I didn't understand it myself. It just seemed like a hassle so I didn't talk about it much, but as I got older and started to know more people who shared it with me, I embraced it and learned to love it," she said.

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Leap year birthdays can be tough to celebrate.

'Morning Comes Early' is a balancing act

By Becka Roe
Castleton Spartan

Picture standing at a concert, it doesn't matter who's performing. The vibration of the ground pulsing into each and every fan's veins, the aura of excitement filling the air, sweat trickling down the lead singer's face, and best of all, the adrenaline rush.

Luckily for Morning Comes Early, this is a recurring event.

"Morning Comes Early is a Pop Punk band. We play music that's fast and catchy. It's just the most fun genre I can imagine playing, and I've been playing and listening to this stuff since I was a little kid," said lead singer Patrick Infurna. They may put on an astounding show and get their fans going crazy, but there's more to them than just their sound.

Being a band and actually making music can be a phenomenal feeling, but what's the point in being in a band if the only people listening are the band members? Gigs, shows, and concerts don't just set themselves up.

"Gigs are set up either by us, or we are asked to play by other bands or the venue that is throwing the show. We then have to check everyone's schedules to make sure everyone can play. Only after then will we agree to play," said guitar player, Jeff Bruce.

Wait, that's not the only thing. Not only do they have to organize rehearsal times and set up gigs, but they also have to get their schoolwork done and keep on top of their grades. Three of the band members are currently attending Castleton.

"My major is music education. I chose this route for the thought that maybe one day I could influence a kid's life in such a way that they'd want to form a band, or go professional, or even become a music teacher like me," Bruce added.

However, not all of the members are music majors. Take lead singer, Infurna, for example.

"My major is history because, I'm not sure, I enjoy studying history and I'd like to pursue some kind of career in it," he said.

Balancing between grades, gigs, and rehearsals can be a lot, but one question that may pop up is where did the name Morning Comes Early come from?

"It's really a funny story. We were in high school and our friends mom used to yell it at us when we were out too late during the summer, I'm not really sure how it got associated with our band, but it was just something that made us laugh," Infurna chimed in with a smile on his face.

Music can be a wonderful path for those who put their hearts into it. Composing and writing, however can be a tad difficult, especially for those who are new to the music world.

"There are usually past events or stuff going on in our lives that make it easy to write songs about them. And if it's one thing our band stood for, it's friendship, and how important it is to keep your loved ones close to you. We write about real things that go on in each of our personal lives, and we feel like we are close enough to our fans to be able to share our hurt, our struggle, and our happiness with them," said, David Atkins, guitarist and back-up vocalist.

Starting a band can be a hassle. Everyone needs to get along and agree with all rehearsal times, gig dates, and style of music. However, they also need to have a personality that says, "Don't be afraid to approach me" at their shows. Scaring away new fans isn't exactly the best way to go. Take their number one fan Cooper Babbitt from Rutland. He's been to more shows than he can count and he doesn't see himself stopping.

"My favorite part would have to be piling on to sing along. There's nothing better than jumping on a crowd of people to sing along to a great band. I think Pile-ons and stage dives are pretty unique to hardcore, and pop punk especially. It changes the atmosphere from being a band playing to you, to the band and crowd being one and connecting through their passions for music and the meanings behind it," Babbitt said.

Students' tattoos tell stories

SHEA BRYANT

TOP: Max Baker shows off his tattoo of the tree of Gondor from Lord of the Rings. RIGHT: Rob Bresnan displays his tattoo in memory of Brian Dagle.

By Shea Bryant
Spartan Contributor

Max Baker lifted his shirt to proudly display the starry tree tattoo on his side. To the unknowing, it might simply seem like a unique piece of art he chose from one of countless tattoo books in a shop.

But this 19-year old Castleton State College student's tattoo has a special meaning.

"It's the tree of Gondor from Lord of the Rings," Baker said of the rib cage art work.

The tree is beautifully done, but has more meaning than being from one of his favorite movies.

"I used to go to my grandma's house and see this book every time I went over," Baker said.

His grandmother on his mom's side passed away during his freshman year of high school.

He told the story of how he and his cousins all got tattoos to honor her, but he is the only one who didn't get her initials.

"I'll put them on some other time," he said.

These days, teenagers like Baker are getting lots of tattoos, but not to be rebellious against society or their parents, but because they have true meaning to them.

And while some are used to memorialize lost loved ones, sometimes students say they are simply signs of who they are as a person

That's the case for Kristi Luce, another 19-year-old freshman, and Mikaela Delia, an 18-year-old freshman.

Luce has a very realistic looking scorpion on her ankle. It has very smooth lines and the shading really makes it stand out.

"I got the scorpion because I'm a Scorpio," Luce said, adding that her zodiac sign is meaningful to who she is.

"It's little, but I love it," Luce said.

Delia has two tattoos on her body. They are both crosses, one on her shoulder and the other on her ankle.

"My tattoos are a reflection of my strong Christian faith," said Delia. "I know that whenever I look at them, I am reassured that I am here for a reason."

The one on Delia's ankle is the more artsy of the two. It is a cross with a peace dove perched on it.

"That one is mostly for me to view and that one is the one that I find the most reassurance from," Delia said.

The tattoo on her shoulder is a simple bold, solid black cross.

"That one is more for others to see," Delia said.

Delia has strong faith, but she also finds that crosses aren't just for Christianity.

"They are also a symbol that everyone in this world has someone and something to live for because you are here for a reason. You just have to live your life to find out why," Delia said.

EMMA RUDNICK

Review: Star Wars The Old Republic ★★★★

While not a true sequel, this game is a spiritual successor to the Star Wars Knights of the Old Republic games for Xbox.

One major difference though is that The Old Republic is a massive multiplayer-online role playing game. If you ever wished to play the Xbox games with your friends, or assume the persona of your favorite Star Wars character then this is your game.

From experience, playing with friends is very satisfying, since you get separate classes and abilities to use. My character is a Jedi knight, like Obi-Wan Kenobi, and my roommate is a smuggler, like Han Solo, so we enjoy pretending to being those characters and making the choices they would make.

If you don't have friends to group with, have no fear. The game plays surprisingly well for a solo player, since the story is different for each class of character.

There are four separate classes for each side, empire or republic. You can even be a good or bad character no matter which side, such as a dark Jedi or a light Sith.

The story is outstanding, as to be expected from any Bioware game and that is what pulls you into the game, allowing you to visit planets from the movies such as Tatooine or Hoth.

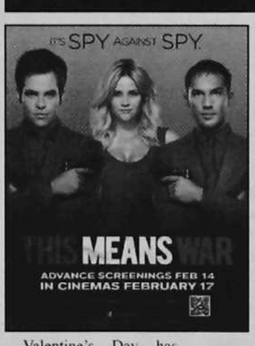
You get a separate story for each class, with each side also having a different story, so if you are a fan of the story or games with a high replay value, you get eight separate stories.

It makes you love to complete quests and get to the next part of the story. The graphics are not the best, but there are worse out there, and combat is fairly simplistic, especially for a beginner.

Pros: story, combat, playing with friends. Cons: Internet: if your connection is bad, good luck playing, glitches periodically. Overall a 4 out of 5, very fun, but just lacking in a few areas that stops it from getting a 5.

-Josh Bassett

Review: This Means War ★★★★



Valentine's Day has come and gone, and with it the rush of romantic comedies it always seems to trail. This year you have the frontrunner that all the girls will want to see in The Vow, the one all the guys will want to see instead of the obligatory chick flick in The Grey, and now there's even a happy medium: This Means War.

The premise of this movie is completely off the wall, so if you're expecting realism you should take your expectations somewhere else (like out of American cinema). You're introduced to the two handsome, suave, badass CIA agents Tuck and FDR who are inseparable in and out of work. Naturally something has to go awry. This time, by an unfortunate series of events, both of the best friends fall in love with the same girl and engage in a "gentleman's game" to win her over.

However, this gentleman's game is equivalent to croquet if each player is armed with guns.

This movie has your standard repertoire of Rom-Com clichés from the "jerk I can't say no to for some reason" to the "insane female best friend who always gives advice." I say cliché only because these roles are seen everywhere. However, the way they're delivered this time around adds some freshness to the worn-out stereotypes.

The thing that makes this unique is that it straddles the line between Rom-Com and action movie in a way I haven't seen before. Killers tried to do this and fell flat on the action. Knight and Day made the same attempt and turned out a much better action movie than romantic. This, somehow, manages to stay right in the middle throughout. There will be enough action to keep guys from dozing and enough love to keep girls from reverting to their smart phones, but here's the real shocker: there's enough humor that appeals to both that, even without the action or love, it would be a good comedy.

Despite some contradictions in the script that I still can't figure out, this is a well-written, well-acted movie that delivers exactly what you should expect: all-around fun for both halves of the couple that go see it. If you want military precision and realistic consequences to gunshots on gas cans, look elsewhere (although I did count the shots fired before reloads, and they're perfectly plausible). If you want the next Notebook, just go see The Vow. However, if you're looking for something with more depth than a puddle that you won't drown in, bring your sweetie to see this, even if Valentine's Day is over.

- Nick Minarik

Students rally in Montpelier

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Members of Vermont State Colleges gather in Montpelier to protest higher tuition.

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a cell phone bill, if you're paying your own health insurance," Johnson State SGA President James Dempsey pointed out.

Dempsey also commiserated with staff and faculty of the VSC system, brining to light the issues of adjunct professors without health care, assurance of income, or office space.

Students weren't shy about their issues either.

"I enrolled in VTC in South Burlington as part of the VAST program—one in which I could finish my high school diploma while starting my bachelors—I received no financial aid based on need," said VTC student Kim Pearly.

"The way they determine expected family contribution isn't accurate. Need aid is important but lowering college costs is a must... Expecting my family to foot the bill on my education is NOT acceptable, especially when it's the time in their lives when they have to start planning for their futures too," Pearly added.

Kristin Nolan, an out of state student at Castleton also feels the burden of her debt.

"I've only spent three years at Castleton and I've stayed as to not compromise my happiness. I love Vermont, I love Castleton, but I'll pay for it," Nolan said.

Despite the number of students, faculty and staff present, not all representatives were pleased by their presence. On at least two occasions there were whispers of, "Why are you here?" by representatives and secretaries alike.

One representative, Gary Gilbert of Fairfax and Georgia, has proposed a bill in hopes of aiding high school students in retaining their hard earned college credits, no matter which school they attend.

"With bill 668, I hope that any high school student who earned college credits in high school and scored at least a three on their AP exams will be able to not only keep these credits, but that colleges will be mandated to count these courses to their requirements, making their time spent at colleges more progress oriented," said Gilbert hopefully.

With the alliance of VSC campuses, 67 House of Representatives signatures were collected in support of higher education. According to Terry, the message seemed to be heard by Governor Shumlin.

Sodexo brings in new ideas

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Goodman said she's a vegetarian and that there isn't much at all offered for people like her who shy away from meat.

Grace Herzog, a junior in theatrical design, said she never thought anything of the quality of the food and remains skeptical to the changing service.

"It's very difficult to cook for thousands of students and make it taste good," Herzog said. Trying to cater to everyone's wants, she added, there are going to be people who are bound not to like something. If they really didn't like the food, she continued, students could simply make it themselves.

Tim Donovan, chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges, said in a press release that the college system under Sodexo would also be utilizing locally produced food.

"Prioritizing local food is consistent with our values and our mission to work for the benefit of Vermont," he said. "Sodexo will be expected to prioritize locally sourced foods" in order to provide what Donovan referred to as a "farm to plate experience."

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Aramark vans will be replaced by Sodexo vans in fall 2012.

Sodexo, Dikeman said, may also implement a department to watch over CSC's sustainable footprint, such as cutting down on water and increasing composting.

Dikeman also mentioned that Aramark employees have been offered the chance to interview with Sodexo, adding that the company has been "very clear" to retain Aramark employees.

"We definitely want to make sure we thank Aramark and have appreciated their 20 years of service," Dikeman said. "We will see what the next 10 years bring for our food services."

Though the precise terms and agreements Sodexo and VSC's contract have not been fully defined, the agreement should be finalized by next week, Dikeman said.

Aramark and Sodexo were contacted for statements but declined to comment.

Can CSC follow UVM's lead?

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on bottled water," said Molly Smith-Leach, a commuter and transfer student.

The ban would force other students and staff to similarly utilize reusable bottles, and this is being encouraged by a new water bottle refilling station that will replace the current dual water fountain in the Campus Center. This device will keep track of the water being used and saved, said Victoria Angis, assistant dean for Campus Life.

This project is within reach, but officials said nothing can progress further until the Pepsi contract is up for review in June 2013.

"If UVM can do it, so can we. AND we can do it better, because we have a smaller student population, meaning we could get 100 percent participation more easily," Derby said. "I know that this would be great for our campus life. Students just need to realize how great it is, and get involved. They cannot be afraid to push the system."

LEFT: Judith Carruthers when she started in 2000 speaking shortly after being hired. RIGHT: Judith sits in her office at the top of the the Campus Center.

'Chicago' cast to lose their locks for sick kids

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Fine Arts Center. All hair donations will be sent to the Locks of Love headquarters, located in Palm Beach, Fla. All donations will then be made into hairpieces for children under the age of 21 suffering from long-term hair loss related to any medical diagnosis, according to Locks of Love Communications Director Lauren Kukkamaa.

Told about the effort on Friday, Kukkamaa called it a "great story" and said some may not realize how important the hair donations are to the lives of ill kids. She also praised the participants saying she realizes how hard it is to give up hair.

"It's such a unique way to give back. We love hearing stories like this," she said.

But the effort isn't without at least one regret.

"The one thing that bothers me about this is that I'm not going to be able to cut my hair to donate, it's already too short," Jedlick said.

Judith Carruthers to retire

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

After 12 years of dedicated work to Castleton State College, Career Development Director Judith Carruthers announced last week that she intends to retire at the end of this semester.

Carruthers said she made the push to retire after hearing news of her second grandchild to be born in July, and wanting to return to her home in Ottawa to spend more time with her family.

"Well, it'll be quieter on campus at least," said Carruthers jokingly. Carruthers is renowned amongst both students and faculty as having one of the most active voices on campus with near daily e-mails sent out to inform about career opportunities and career development events.

Colleague and friend Crispin White has worked with Carruthers in Career development during her time at Caslteon and says having her go will be a loss for the school.

"She brings so much energy to Castleton and its students," said White. "But she's on her way to a wonderful new chapter of her life."

Carruthers and White are also known for their publication of The Outhouse Gazette, a "magazine" posted in campus bathrooms featuring career advice.

"She's been wonderful in every way," says Castleton President Dave Wolk. "No one has been more students oriented on campus then she's been. She opens door for students, as hers always is, to new opportunities."

Wolk also noted how the regular career fairs held on campus that have been organized by Carruthers have been a model for other colleges and schools with career development.

Carruthers graduated from Concordia University in 1983 with a Bachelors Associate degree in English Literature, and again in 1986 from Carleton University with a Masters in English Literature.

But she says that she wouldn't have been able to make it as far as she has without the help of one particular person.

"I didn't pursue education till I was 31," she said. "I worked at a building where a retired military guy named Mac checked parking passes. I saw him every day and he encouraged me to go to school and get a good career."

In addition to working for CSC, Carruthers is also an accomplished artist having illustrated several children's books with a contract to complete four more books in the works. For her return to Ottawa her family is building her an art studio within their home to continue illustrating.

Additionally she plans to teach English as a second language and work closely with the local colleges in Canada.

Carruthers says that as of now the Career Development Center is at its peak with more interns than ever before. With a struggling economy, Carruthers hopes that her replacement is someone with the energy and motivation to keep the program moving.

But above all else, she said that it is most important to remember that opportunity is everywhere, you just have to look for it.

"Everyone on this campus is a career advisor," she said. "From the custodians to the president."

A celebration is scheduled to be held later this semester for Judith and her contributions to the Castleton community.

Alumni seek nominations

The Castleton State College Alumni Association is seeking nominees for two annual awards to be presented at graduation.

The Outstanding Faculty Award is presented to the faculty member whose "excellence in teaching influences students well beyond graduation," according to alumni officials.

Last year's recipient was professor Lisa Pleben. Castleton administrators, faculty, staff, alumni or graduating seniors can nominate. The winner gets a plaque and a $250 check.

The Leonard C. Goldman '59 Distinguished Senior Award goes to a senior at graduation who "best exemplifies the qualities of Leadership, spirit, and service to the college community and beyond," alumni officials said.

Last year's recipient was Justin Garrett and the same college representatives or graduating seniors may nominate. This award comes with a $1,000 check.

Nomination forms are available on line at www.castleton.edu. Nominations open on Monday, Feb.27 and close on Friday, March 30.

Men's hockey advances to semifinals

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

After a tough loss at home to Skidmore last week, Castleton State College came back to defeat New England College in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference quarterfinal playoffs at Spartan Arena.

In their final regular season home game, the Spartans fell 1-0 to Skidmore College after defeating them 9-4 the night before.

It was the first time the Spartans were shut out since the 2009-2010 season.

The game went scoreless until 3:40 into the third period when Skidmore's Aaron Beck scored on Castleton goalkeeper Seth McNary while Castleton was shorthanded from a Brad Barber holding penalty.

Skidmore's Colin Bessey made 20 saves while McNary had 22 for Castleton.

On Feb 25, the Spartans defeated NEC by a score of 2-1 to advance to the ECAC semi-final game.

A little more than 10 minutes into the second period, Castleton's Brad Barber scored his first ever career goal on a hard slap shot from the point, giving them the 1-0 lead.

With less than a minute left in the second period, junior Dan bell scored on a deflection of a slap shot by teammate Ryan Delorme, giving Castleton the 2-0 lead.

The Spartans couldn't shut out NEC as they scored just four minutes into the third period on a power-play goal.

The Spartans remained strong defensively and they didn't allow any more points from NEC, ending the game at 2-1.

NEC goalkeeper Shawn Sirman allowed two goals while making 35 saves total. Freshman goalkeeper Thomas Shelley made 17 saves total, getting the win for the Spartans.

The victory will send the Spartans to the ECAC semi-final game for the second consecutive year.

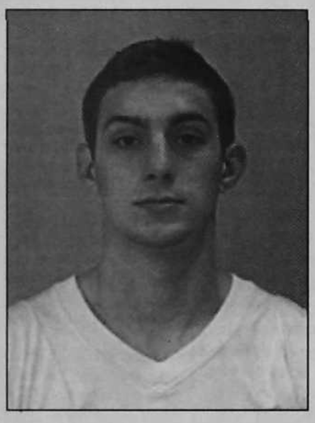
"Last year was a disappointment, so being able to go back is huge for us," Dan Bell said. "We know what we need to do to get the job done."

This is only the second time the Spartans have made it this far in conference playoffs.

Castleton is 18-6-2 and is the second seed. They will face Skidmore, 12-12-2, on March 3 at Norwich University at 7 p.m.

"We need to continue to stick to the same routine- working hard in practice, going over video, and get some rest this week," Nick Lazorko said. "I personally enjoy playing in Norwich, it's always a good atmosphere in that rink so I'm looking forward to the weekend."

Comstock reaches 1,000 points



By Andre Muse
Castleton Spartan

Editor's note: Please pick up the next issue of The Castleton Spartan for the story on Vanessa Powers, who also reached her 1,000th point at Castleton.

Mark Comstock may have originally thought he would not be coming to Castleton State College for basketball, but on Tuesday, Feb. 14 he was sure glad he did.

Only 11 minutes into the contest against Lyndon State College, Comstock eclipsed the 1000th point mark, making him the 20th player in CSC history to do so and the first since the 2007-08 season.

But if it were not for a last minute change of heart, Comstock would not have had an opportunity to achieve such an accomplishment.

"I was committed to St. Anselm to play football," Comstock said.

Basketball was still in the back of his mind, though, and Paul Culpo, who had met Comstock when he was visiting Hartwick College with his mother, had just landed the head coaching position at Castleton.

"Once I got the Castleton head coaching job," Culpo said, "he was the first player I went after."

And Comstock started to lean toward playing basketball soon after.

"I reconsidered, and the more I thought about it, the more I didn't want to give up basketball," he said.

So he made the decision to pull his commitment to St. Anselm for football and commit to Castleton for basketball.

"I came to Castleton, started as a freshman, and I liked it," Comstock said. "I have no regrets."

Comstock has improved his playing ability greatly since his freshman year, and he is the top scorer and rebounder on this year's Castleton squad that won North Atlantic Conference championship.

"He is a very versatile player," Culpo said. "He posts up well against smaller guards, and he has speed enough to blow by guys bigger than him."

This isn't the first time that Comstock has eclipsed the 1,000th-point mark, though. He was just the third player in Rutland high school history to reach the milestone.

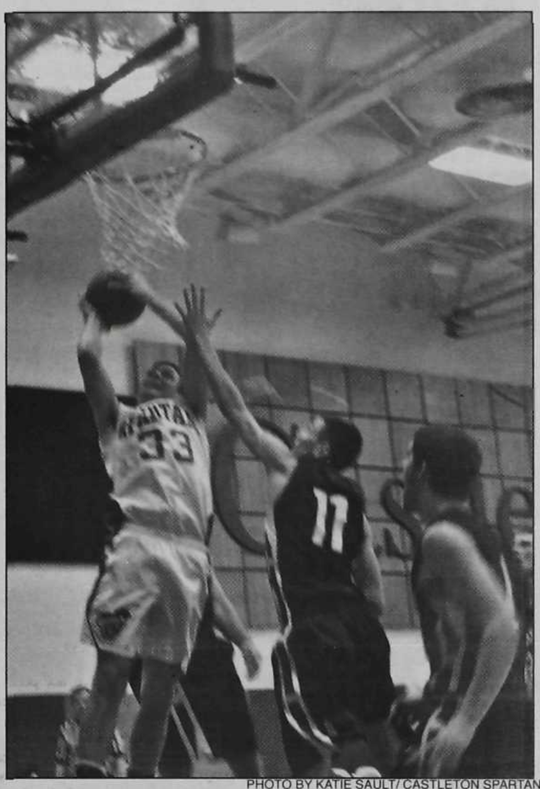
"In high school at Rutland it was much more emotional for me. I was really anxious about it," Comstock said. "In college I wasn't as anxious, it was more of a gratifying achievement."

Comstock actually had a chance to reach the milestone in the previous game against Green Mountain College in which the Spartans won in dominating fashion, 118-63.

But he was happy that he didn't achieve it then because his brother Billy Jr. wasn't able to make it to the Green Mountain game.

"I wanted to wait until Tuesday so that my brother could be there. I wanted my whole family there to see me achieve it," he said.

Needing only four points to reach 1,000 coming into the game on Tuesday, Comstock scored on a mid-range jumper from the corner to get within two points.



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Mark Comstock scores his 1,000th point against lyndon State College

A few possessions later he drove hard to the hoop, scoring easily to reach 1,000 points for his career.

The crowd, well aware of his achievement, immediately rose to their feet, giving him a well-deserved standing ovation.

Comstock is only a junior this year, so he has another year to rack up more points and surpass other players who have also achieved the 1,000th-point mark at Castleton.

But for now he is content on just soaking it all in and basking in his great accomplishment.

"I've been playing basketball my whole life," Comstock said, "and for all the time I put into it, it feels good to have all my hard work payoff."

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Women skate into semis

By Lucas Mcgovern
Castleton State College

Fresh off earning the honor of ECAC Coach of the Year, Bill Bowes coached the fifth-seeded Spartans to an impressive 3-2 overtime upset over fourth-seeded Salve Regina on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Hannah Martini scored 5:46 into overtime to secure the Spartan win and a spot in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference East semifinals.

Even though the Spartans were outshot 40-18, the goaltending of Paula Stephens was fantastic again as she stopped 38 shots on the night.

Castleton fell behind halfway through the first period with a power-play goal by the Seahawks Sarah Markey.

Castleton responded in the second period, tying the score at 1-1 with a goal by Molly Howard.

Two minutes into the third, the Spartans got their first lead of the game, with Meagan Hulbert lighting the lamp for Castleton.

Six minutes later, Stephens let in her second goal of the game, bringing the score to 2-2.

For the remainder of the period the action was back and forth, but neither team could break through the other team's goalie.

In the overtime period, Martini broke through for her game-winning goal with just over five minutes left, propelling the Spartans into the next round of the playoffs. Assists on the goal came from Katilin Hayes and BriAnna Naradowy.

With the win, The Spartans improve to 10-13-2 on the season, setting a new program-high for wins in a season. Salve Regina falls to 11-10-5 with the loss.

Castleton will next take on the defending national champion Norwich Cadets in the ECAC semifinals on March 3.

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CSC women's basketball wins NAC

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton women's basketball team won the North Atlantic Conference championship as Castleton hosted its first-ever NAC tournament this past weekend, defeating second-seeded Colby-Sawyer, 65-51.

In order to reach the finals, the Spartans battled past Maine Maritime 73-51 in the semifinal game.

Vanessa Powers, who recently scored her 1,000th point at Castleton, scored 24 points, having a perfect game at the free-throw line going four for four. She also had a game-high 12 rebounds and four steals in the win over Maine Maritime.

Christine Jacques contributed a dozen points and was four for seven shooting from long distance, while freshman Meghan O'Sullivan also had 12 points. Teammates Alyssa Leonard and Tarryn Bolognani also reached double digits with 10 each.

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Tarryn Bolognani dribbles against Green Mountain on Feb. 11.

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Tim Barrett cuts the net after the Spartans' NAC title win.

In the beginning of the second half, Maine Maritime racked up some points, but they were unable to get any closer than 19 points on only a few occasions in the last half.

Castleton shot 50.9 percent from the field. The Spartans had 18 assists on 29 field goals and limited their competition to 34 percent, forcing 18 turnovers against Maine Maritime.

Maine Maritime's season ended at 14-13, while the Spartans moved on to play Colby-Sawyer in the NAC finals at home the following night.

In the finals, Castleton defeated Colby-Sawyer, taking the conference title. Leonard led her team with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

"Winning the NAC was a really rewarding and exciting feeling for all of us," Leonard said. "The team has lost the past two years and to win it, especially at home, was an amazing feeling."

Powers put up her second double-double of the weekend with 13 points and 17 boards. Jacques added 12 points and five assists, while O'Sullivan added 12 points.

For Colby-Sawyer, Cailin Bullett led her team with a game-high 23 points and 11 rebounds, while teammates Kelsey Cahill and Taylor DeSanty added 11 a piece. DeSanty was awarded NAC player of the year.

Castleton never fell behind in the match up.

The Spartans were up by 22 at the 8:22 mark, and the Chargers shortened that to just 12 at the 1:50 mark, however the Spartans regained control of the game.

Castleton limited Colby-Sawyer to just 26.9 percent shooting from the field, while Castleton shot 35.9 percent on the other end.

"Well, it's an incredible feeling to be known as the NAC champions," Powers said. "Since I've been at Castleton, we've made it to the finals every year but always ended up losing."

Men's basketball takes NAC title

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The men's basketball team took home its first-ever North Atlantic Conference men's basketball championship on Saturday, Feb 25, defeating Colby-Sawyer 102-76 at Glenbrook Gymnasium.

Castleton and Colby-Sawyer battled a closely-contested game for much of the first half, but as halftime neared, the Spartans kicked it up a notch, going a on 13-3 run in the final minutes of the half.

The Spartans picked up where they had left off when play resumed, and Mark Comstock led the Spartans with six points during a 12-2 run during the first four minutes of the second half.

Castleton continued to score at will and pushed the lead to 24 at one point.

Colby-Sawyer did go on a six to two run near the end of the game, but the Spartans answered the rally with a three-point shot from Chad Pulver, breaking the Chargers' backs and extending the lead back to 20.

"It's a great feeling," head coach Paul Culpo said. "I'm really happy for all the kids, especially the seniors."

Senior guard Greg Hughes, who scored a game-high 23 points, shooting 6-10 from 3-point range, led the Spartans. Comstock also had a stellar game, scoring 20 points, adding seven rebounds. Logan White and Mark Pryzbylkowski were also in double-figures for the Spartans, pouring in 10 and 14 respectively.

Koang Thok led Colby-Sawyer players in double-figures, draining 19 points in the loss. Colby-Sawyer ends its season with a 20-8 record.

Castleton had two players on the All-Tournament team, Hughes and Comstock. Comstock was also awarded MVP for the tournament.

"It was a big game for both Mark and Greg," Culpo said. "Greg was sensational. The last 20 minutes of the Husson game and the whole 40 minutes against Colby-Sawyer are the best 60 minutes Greg has played all year."

With the win, the Spartans clinch a berth into the NCAA Division III National Tournament. The team will not know their opponent until Monday, though.

Culpo said that the uncertainty of the team's next opponent would not change how he prepares his team for battle.

"We are not going to change anything going into the tournament," Culpo said. "It's just another game. We will have the same preparation that we have had all season long."

The Spartans improved to 19-9 with the win, which is their best record since the 1997-98 season. They look to continue to improve their record in the tournament.

"It's been a great season. This team is the hardest working group of young men I have coached," Culpo said. "And it just doesn't get better than this."

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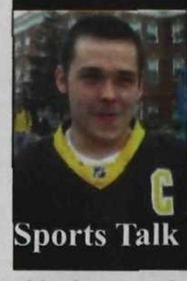
Matt Cooney goes for a layup against Johnson State defense.

Kyle Turner



Sports Talk

It has already been quite a year for Spartan athletics, and it just keeps getting better!

To start off, the women's basketball team took on the Chargers of Colby-Sawyer in the North Atlantic Conference Championship game. The Spartans had a choke hold on the Chargers at the end of the first half, 40-26, and never trailed in the game as they ran away with the win, 65-51. Four Spartans were in double figures, including tournament MVP Vanessa Powers, who finished the game with 13 points and 17 rebounds. Kelly Conway was also a key to this game as she shut down NAC Player of the Year, Taylor DeSanty, limiting her to just four of 20 from the field. The women now move on to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Right after the women won their title, the men were on the court at Glenbrook Gymnasium which was packed with fans of both Castleton and Colby-Sawyer for their NAC title game. Erupting cheers followed every basket from the Spartans from the crowd as they completely dominated the Chargers, 102-76, to capture their first ever NAC title. Mark Comstock earned tournament MVP honors and was selected to the All-Tournament Team along with Greg Hughes. With the win, the men also earned a bid in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The men's ice hockey team took care of business in the opening round of the ECAC East Tournament, defeating New England College 2-1. The Spartans outshot the Pilgrims 37-18, but could only put two of them in the net. Senior Captain Lindsey Gullet didn't take any crap from the Pilgrims goaltender Shawn Sirman. In the first period Sirman tried to block Gullet from getting to the puck and Gullet ran right through him. Sirman wanted a penalty and he got one, except it was on him. Keep it going boys! The Spartans play against Skidmore this Friday at Norwich University.

The women's ice hockey team continues to make history this season. Head Coach Bill Bowes was named Coach of the Year, and the team won its first-ever playoff game last Saturday against Salve Regina. Junior Forward Hanna Martini scored her third goal of the season 5:46 into overtime and Paula Stephens stopped 38 shots to give the Spartans the 3-2 win. They travel to Norwich for a huge semifinal game with the team that is ranked number two in the country.

The men's ski team won the USCSA Giant Slalom title on Saturday as well.

Altogether, the Spartans brought home three pieces of hardware and went 5-0 on the day. February 25th should be remembered and celebrated as Spartan Pride Day from now on.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly this Friday.

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Spring breakers headed to Georgia

By Stacy Sullivan and Alyssa Leonard
Spartan Contributors

The state of Georgia will be home for 14 Castleton State College students during spring break this year. These students have voluntarily given up their spring break to benefit others through Habitat for Humanity.

This is the first year the organization has become an official club at Castleton. In the past, it has been a branch of other organizations and projects in the area. However, the school felt so passionately about this organization, they adopted their own chapter.

Students will be cramming into fleet vans on March 31 to begin their 21-hour journey to Americus, Ga. accompanied by area coordinators Maria Marinucci and Shaun Williams. Although the club is not sponsored by Residence Life, it spawned from the ideas of the area coordinators.

Sophomore nursing major Chelsea Paola is excited for the trip, saying she is looking forward to the rewarding experience.

"When walking through campus I saw a poster advertising for the trip and knew I wanted to get involved instantly," she said.

Paola has been involved in Habitat for Humanity before in Boston through her church.

"I loved the experience of helping people less fortunate and felt good about myself afterwards," she said.

Leading up to Spring Break hasn't been easy. The students have been conducting several fundraisers including Friendly's and Applebee's nights, where 20 percent of each bill was earned when the customer presented a card demonstrating their interest in the Castleton Habitat for Humanity. Each student was additionally assigned to create five baskets made to raffle at the Legion on Lake Bomoseen on March 21. The group has raised about 75 percent of its total goal to date.

Marinucci said she is looking forward to the experience with these students, adding that she has never been on a trip like this before. She said she is most looking forward to watching students grow and change from the opportunity they will have.

"They gain a better understanding of the challenges outside our community that others face, and can see the difference they make," she said. "Students connect with others on the trip that they may not have a relationship with prior to the experience."

The club has also been volunteering time a little closer to home, in Manchester, Vt.

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Tony Peffer to become academic dean

KATIE SAULT
Tony Peffer poses in his office.

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

The retirement of Academic Dean Joe Mark signifies the end of an era at Castleton State College, but it marks a beginning for Tony Peffer.

While Peffer is already an important part of the CSC community — acting as the dean of Undergraduate Studies — he hopes the transition to academic dean will enable him to better help to students and faculty.

Peffer said he is honored to replace Mark.

"It's really quite humbling that the president has confidence in me, that I can do that job. It's such an exciting time to be in that position because we've reached a really unusual point in a college's history," Peffer said. "We've succeeded. Our vision, the vision of President Wolk —we're there. But, you can never just stay 'there.' So it's a really thrilling time to think about what's the next vision, what do we need to be?"

Peffer said he's reluctant to go into too much detail about his goals before making sure they match those of the administration.

"Any school," Peffer continues, "and I've been at a lot of places, the leadership always has a vision for the future and what's different is that often, at places I've been, there's this vision, and not much happens with it and then somebody else comes and there's a new vision and here, we've actually done it. And that makes it, well, cool."

Peffer grew up in Northeast Kentucky, and though he only maintains a portion of his vaguely noticeable drawl, he comes across as eloquent, self-assured, and open-minded. Although he said he was less than achievement oriented as an undergraduate, he attributes much of his success to a history professor at Morehead State University.

"I really enjoyed school, but I didn't study all that hard. I was probably more interested in my next date, more than my next assignment," he jokes. "But then I got married as a senior, so I wasn't thinking so much about that anymore. That's when I started to really apply myself."

And it was that professor, "professor Jackson," who convinced him to seek a Ph.D.

"The way he said it, I really felt like I had this *duty* to get my Ph.D.

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Mushin' around on break

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

KATIE SAULT / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Dillon Gast trains with his dogs at home in Randolph before leaving for Europe during winter break.

Winter vacation had just started. No more classes, no more homework. While the rest of the world was sleeping soundly, Castleton freshman Dillon Gast was getting up at 5:30 a.m., while it was still dark out, to get on a sled and ride for 24 miles behind a pack of eight dogs.

Twice.

Gast spent a month and a half in Europe helping train and care for sled dogs so his mentor, Ullrich Kuhn, could race in the Pirena Advance, a two-week, 14-stage sled dog race in January. Last year, Gast lived in Germany and trained with the dogs for the same race, and they came in second overall.

"It really does teach them responsibility. This isn't just winter sport. This is 365 days a year. You have to feed those dogs, train them, take care of them," said Patricia Gast, Dillon's mother.

This year Dillon only spent a month and a half in Europe, but it was an eventful month and a half.

The first two weeks of the training were spent in Norway.

"I was a dog handler. I had to train the dogs and get them into shape. Out of those two weeks I had two days off," Dillon said.

He trained the dogs every morning. He went 13 miles an hour and went 24 miles per day with each of the two teams.

"I was the first one out there every morning. I even had to make a trail one day. I'd get off my sled, go clear a long path, go forward with the dogs, stop, get off, clear a path. I did that for six miles," he said.

After the two weeks in Norway, they returned to Germany to let the dogs rest before going to Italy for some "fast training" -- in the Alps.

"I've never been so scared running a team. These dogs were powerful," Dillon said.

At one point, he and his mentor decided to race. Kuhn chose his team, and Dillon got whatever dogs were leftover. A race pace is usually 19 miles an hour, and that's about how fast they went.

"And the thing with the Alps is, you're riding on the side of cliffs," Dillon said with a laugh.

Kuhn thought he'd chosen the faster dogs, but in the end Dillon's team arrived a minute or two before Kuhn's.

"My hands hurt because I wouldn't let go of the bar," Dillon said.

After training in Italy the team went back to Hamburg, Germany to repack supplies and head to Spain for the Pirena. That's when things got a little bit tricky.

"We're driving, we get a little past Paris, and the car breaks down. The engine blew," Dillon said.

After many frantic phone calls and traveling through many European countries, they managed to get another car. They ended up missing the entire first day of the Pirena, resulting in a 58-minute penalty.

In the Perina you get a 30 minute penalty for an accident or something that's out of your control, and the remainder of the penalty comes from the average time of the top three contestants at the time.

"I've lost races by a 100th of a second before … So 58 minutes is huge," Dillon said.

The team went from dead last at the beginning of the two weeks to finishing in seventh overall.

"If you took away the penalty we would have come in second," Dillon said.

Dillon has been racing for 12 years and aside from his many sled dog racing accomplishments, he has

Chad Voghell leaves after 16 years at Castleton

By Chuck Smith
Castleton Spartan

It's 1996. Freshly-hired Harry McEnerny is holding auditions for his first production, Dark of the Moon. Amid the chaos and the clamor of the auditions, a sophomore approaches the new professor.

"Who are you?" McEnerny asked.

"Chad," he replied.

"You're auditioning?"

"No, I'm your sound guy," Voghell said.

"Oh, okay," replied McEnerny as he walked off to tend to the other students, not making much of the seemingly insignificant piece of information.

In 2012 McEnerny is in his office recalling the story from so long ago and smiling, "he's been my sound guy ever since."

Chad Voghell started his academic career at Castleton State College in the fall of 1995. Four years later he graduated, and before he could get his feet off the graduation stage he had his first job: director of Technical Services, Castleton State College.

"I think his job title and job description don't do him justice," says Assistant Dean for Campus Life, Victoria Angis. So, then what does he do?

"The better question," said Voghell's assistant Louis Riquelme, "is what doesn't he do?"

"I provide technical support for all the events on campus," Voghell said.

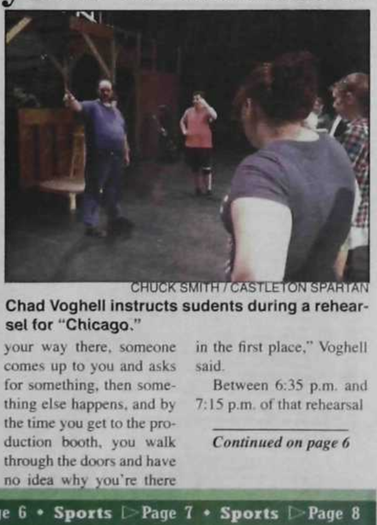
"What he does is make the rest of us look good," said Angis.

Voghell, who has been with Castleton for 16 years, is leaving, and starting a new job with Atomic Professional Audio.

He starts this Friday.

Follow Voghell around for a few hours and you'll get a rough idea of his myriad responsibilities. It's Thursday night, during a rehearsal of Chicago, and Voghell is explaining what "Door Syndrome" is.

"When you're working on a show like this, when there's so much going on and you realize you need to go get something from somewhere - say in the production booth. Well on your way there, someone comes up to you and asks for something, then something else happens, and by the time you get to the production booth, you walk through the doors and have no idea why you're there in the first place," Voghell said.



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Chad Voghell instructs sudents during a rehearsel for "Chicago."

Between 6:35 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. of that rehearsal

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Why are gas prices so outrageous?

Gas prices are always a sore topic in America, and with summer approaching once again, absurd predictions for the projected summer gas prices are driving the frenzy ever wilder.

"I heard $7 a gallon from somewhere," said one person to another as they each weigh in with their abundant political and economic insight. Here's the amusing part though: people seem to think Obama is entirely at fault.

Everyone should step back for a minute and think about that assumption. If Obama were truly at fault for the rising gas prices, that would also assume he is in direct control of several things: oil companies, all price-fixing included; state taxes and insurance on gas stations; and the most fun of all, the ever-volatile Middle-Eastern political situation.

I'm going to tackle the latter first. The Obama administration released details of the percentage of net oil imports, which reached a high of 60 percent in '05 and '06. It has been lowered to 45 percent . What this shows is that our dependence on foreign oil is decreasing, so why are the prices still increasing? That's a different story entirely.

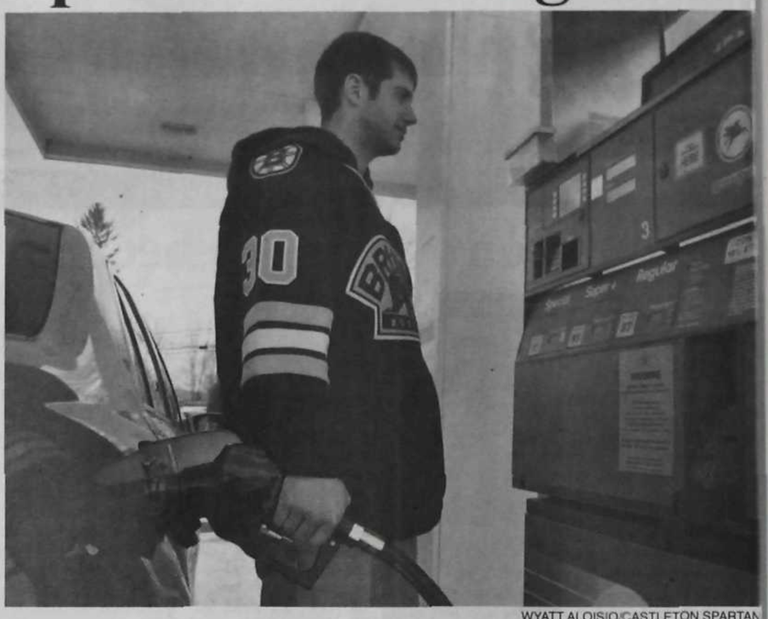
If the president magically got the power to quell the conflicts that seem to be constantly raging in the Middle East—one in particular has been going on for over 3,000 years—we'd have a lot more to celebrate than lower gas prices, like our own personal unicorns to ride.

Moving on, the Sherman Anti-Trust act is a legislation designed to stop exactly what is happening today. Have you ever wondered why, when one gas station's prices go up, the one across the street is sure to follow? Let's face it, these corporations are clearly engaged in price-fixing, because if they weren't, one gas station could drop to a dollar less than everybody else and completely clean house. So why hasn't this been stopped? Oil companies are among the main contributors to election funding, but not just in presidential elections; every congressional election also holds weight, and a republican congress is currently blocking many of Obama's reform legislations. If the president had enough power to simply make rules right over congress, we'd be a dictatorship. Does anyone really want that?

The issue I haven't tackled yet is simple. People often poke fun at New Jersey for not being a self-serve gas state, but here's the truth: gas prices are consistently 10 to 20 cents lower there than many other locations, due to cheaper insurance paid by the station itself. If you have any random person pumping gas at a station, insurance costs are higher because of higher accident risk.

I've only listed three factors, but that's because they're the easiest to point out. In short, don't blame one man for the condition of a staple of life. Honestyl, Shakespeare had the public nailed all the way back in 1600: "He which is was wished until he were. This common body…goes to, and back, lackeying the varying tide, to rot itself with motion."

- Nick Minarik



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Castleton senior John Petrovitsis watches the meter while pumping gas.

Kony 2012 well-intended, misinformed?

On the first day there were 4 million views on YouTube. By the end of five, over 66 million. The unprecedented firestorm that started March 5 was the Kony 2012 campaign and has exploded across the Internet and gained worldwide attention to anyone with a social media account and a pulse.

The half-hour video documents Invisible Children, the non-profit organization that produced the video, and its mission to bring Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, to justice. His forces have abducted and raised an army of 30,000 child soldiers and displaced millions of Ugandans since his rebellion began in 1986.

Without question Joseph Kony deserves the highest of punishments for his actions of instilling widespread fear throughout Uganda. His exploits include abducting children and forcing them to kill their parents, forcing girls into prostitution, and having his forces mutilate the faces of children. He is on the top 10 most wanted fugitives list in Forbes Magazine.

The motivation and spirit of Invisible Children and its followers are commendable. But criticism revolves around Invisible Children's depiction of the LRA and Invisible Children's representation of the issue.

Michael Wilkerson, guest writing on Foreignpolicy.com, has reported from Uganda before and says that Kony's forces amount to in the hundreds, as opposed to the 30,000 the film says. "Eerily," Wilerson writes, "it is also the same number estimated for the total killed in the more than 20 years of conflict in Northern Uganda." The video also fails to represent that Kony hasn't even been in Uganda since 2006 and is probably hiding in the jungles of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Even though Kony 2012 is out for good intentions, it simplifies the situation and withholds information depicting a contemporary Uganda. Individuals must be more aware of what is actually occurring in an international conflict and be the one responsible for educating themselves and taking information at face value.

In response of Invisible Children and its supporters lobbying the U.S. government, President Obama authorized 100 military advisers to be deployed to Uganda and aid forces to remove Kony in October of last year. This was an unprecedented act of social support on an issue. Never before has a group of like-minded public individuals ever wielded the power to gain the assent of the U.S. government and carry out military intervention.

By the end of this year the U.S. military, with Ugandan forces, intends to capture Kony, otherwise the military advisers will return. Supporters of Kony 2012 feel empowered. But their attention will be up for grabs again and who will be targeted next?

International conflict has never been, and never will be, simple to manage and describe. There will always be platforms and opinions that will attempt to sway opinions one side or another and keep specific information at bay in order to maximize appeal.

The public must absolutely be aware of those conditions and must not rely upon information from subjective sources. This social power is a tool that can certainly perform good deeds and change the world. However, at the cost of misrepresentation of conflict the hand that feeds must be objective and must not abuse representing the full picture.

- Anders Ax

Nice to meet you, Samantha Green!

Samantha "Sam" Green went to Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. She grew up in a small town by Rochester, N.Y. Now, at 26, she lives with her fiance and is the Video Broadcast Technician in the communication department. Her office is in the bottom of Leavenworth and she loves when students stop by.

How did you end up at CSC?
"I moved to Vermont last year in Montpelier and applied but Alex got it...When the position was open again I moved here with my fiance and applied again and now I'm living the dream"

Why do you always wear the hat?
"I've always liked hats. I guess I haven't found the right haircut. I usually wear my grown up hat (the fedora.)"

Who was your role model?
"I guess growing up my cousin, she was ten years older...She read a lot so I read a lot"

What is your biggest fear?
"Someone's going to break into my house at night...That is why my favorite color is glow in the dark"

What's your lifelong dream?
"Working with children. I've always liked doing theater with children."

What do you think students don't know about you that you think we should know?
"I like making new friends...I don't put things on my chair to keep people away, I just don't have enough tables"... "Fun fact you might not know but both my parents are deaf so English is technically my second language"

What do you like to do outside of CSC?
"I like technology...computers and video games."

What's your favorite part about your job?
"I learn something new every day. I learn more working with the cameras. I'm nerdy I like stuff like that."

What's your least favorite part of the job?
"Trying to keep track of Bob for the students, it's ridiculously hard. ...And being the bad guy (when students don't return equipment)."

What's the best thing that's ever happened to you?
"Making the decision of doing what I want to do when graduating high school."

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It's sugaring season in New England

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Stacy Sullivan and her grandfather.

By Catherine Trudell
Castleton Spartan

In every other place in the world there are four seasons—autumn, winter, spring, and summer. But in New England, there is a fifth season that falls somewhere between winter and spring.

It's called sugarin' season.

The maple-sugaring season is in full throttle all around New England and many can relate to this unpredictable harvest that is founded around family, tradition and hard work.

Castleton Sophomore Stacy Sullivan has been sugaring with her family in Connecticut since she was in grade school.

"It has been in the Sullivan name for over 100 years and we just have it for fun, not to make a killer profit," said Sullivan. "My favorite part about sugaring is definitely spending hours with my family. Some of my fondest memories with my dad and grandpa can be recalled boiling and making syrup."

Most college girls look forward to chocolates and flowers on Valentines Day, but Sullivan recalls spending every Feb. 14 with her family in Connecticut, tapping trees.

"I am three-and-half hours away from school, so I wasn't able to make it home for the special day. But every day this February vacation was spent at the sugarhouse making up for the lost Valentine's Day," she said.

Sullivan isn't the only Castleton student who gets joy out of spending hours in front of an evaporator.

"My favorite part is spending the whole day boiling with my family. We each have individual jobs, like one will feed the fire, one will bottle the syrup and put labels on, one keeps track of the syrup boiling … it's my favorite time of year just because it brings my family together," said junior Emily Sweeney.

Making maple syrup doesn't just create family values, it rakes in a lot of money for New England's economy. Vermont made 1.4 million gallons last year — the most in years.

"It's in the millions of dollars, I know that," said Mary Croft, secretary and treasurer of the Vermont Sugar Makers Association, about the annual economic impact maple syrup has on Vermont.

But like Sullivan and Sweeney, Croft said the family bonds that are formed around the sweet syrup are just as valuable to her. As she spoke on Monday, she said her 92-year-old father and 83-year-old mother were out in the sugar house boiling sap. It was the third day of boiling, she said.

"It's very much a family affair," she said, adding that her daughter has essentially grown up in and around the sugarhouse just like she did. "She was born on March 22 and growing up, that's where she had most of her birthdays – in the sugar house."

SGA to work with alums

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

At the Student Government Association meeting on Feb. 29 a member of the Alumni Board approached congress about uniting forces.

Ray Sevigny, president of the Alumni Association Board, told the SGA about his hopes for more unity between alums and the SGA.

One idea was the creation of a "catalog-yearbook" that would compile the last 10 years and continue on so that alumni from all generations could access names and faces of Spartans past.

His idea was enthusiastically received and a new committee is in the works to help with the project and to support the Alumni Association Board.

Sevigny said he hopes that by coupling the two groups, alumni will gain more support from academic and administrative officials at Castleton.

"President (Dave) Wolk has given even more support to the SGA in the past than to the Alumni Board," Sevigny said.

In other news, Spring Weekend is approaching quickly and there are many plans in the works. A music festival on the president's lawn, vendors and Spartan spirit activities are all planned to ensure an excellent, safe and fun Spring Weekend.

Additional concerns brought up at the SGA meeting were in regards to serious policy changes, discrepancies in the handbooks and constitutions and the continued lack of communication between committees, congress and CAB. SGA President Stephanie Terry even suggested the need for a new committee to revise the handbook, regulate and streamline policies and ensure the continued success of their group.

And as parking continues to be an issue for residents and commuters alike, new SGA delegate Steve Reilly, who is running for SGA president next semester, has taken the initiative to begin researching the parking issue in hopes to create a real change.

After designing a short, but concise, survey regarding students, staff and faculty feelings about the parking situation, an email was sent out seeking further input including suggestions for possible solutions.

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Alec Alspach leads Castleton grade school students in a physical education mentoring program he created.

Student gets kids movin'

By Molly Demellier
CastletonSpartan

In his time off the football field, Castleton State College sophomore and Spartan defensive lineman Alec Alspach has taken the initiative to create a physical education mentoring program at the Castleton Village School.

Alspach's "Castleton Spartan Challenge Program," runs for nine weeks and is administered to about 30 children between grades six and eight. In addition to team building and problem solving, the objective of the program is to promote physical activity in students who tend to be more reserved in the classroom and less likely to participate in after-school activities.

"The goal is to encourage the kids to step out of their comfort zone," Alspach said.

A combination of strong community involvement and the desire of parents and children fueled Alspach. According to program administrator, Jan Rousse, Alspach's program is a branch of a larger mentoring program for fourth and fifth graders at the Castleton Elementary School. The success of this program over the years led to "voices of parents and mentees demanding it at the middle school," Rousse said.

The block schedule of the Village School originally posed challenges that threatened the program. Bu the scheduling challenges sparked the idea for a curriculum-based program that could be built into a free block in the existing schedule, Rousse said.

The hope, Alspach said, was that the program would be as interactive and fun as it was educational. His lesson plan includes a combination of engaging activities he will be leading along with the help of fellow Castleton students, Cody Tancreti, Hannah Corkum and Mackenzie Gage.

Throughout the program, kids will participate in activities from tag to choreographed dances such as the Cupid Shuffle. They also will learn problem-solving techniques and have trivia challenges. According to the Village School councilor, Karla Ramey, the dance lessons did not receive a positive initial response.

"Many of our CVS students groaned at the announcement, but by the end of the session, every one of them was participating. I guess it's ok to do it if the football players are doing it," she said.

As a final celebration, the program will end with a day on Castleton's campus called the Spartan Fitness Challenge that will combine all the aspects of the program.

Alspach said he hopes to expand the program in the future and foster the idea of college and college athletics in the minds of the children.

"We want to offer more areas for students to get interested in like athletic training, sport management, nursing, education and other majors Castleton offers. Our hope is to eventually have an option for every student at the Village school to participate in," said Alspach.

Spartan newspaper now on Twitter

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

Many people follow celebrities. Others follow athletes. Some simply follow friends and family members, but now you can follow the Castleton Spartan.

The Castleton Spartan newspaper has now stepped deeper into the social networking world by creating a Twitter account, @CastletonSpartan, giving students more opportunities to stay constantly connected to the campus community.

Journalism student Martina Marchese is in charge of maintaining the paper's Twitter page, which includes tweeting about upcoming articles and keeping students informed about any news on campus.

"Twitter has become a huge way to communicate," said Marchese, who believes that by tweeting about student's articles they will be reaching a wider audience.

After creating the account several weeks ago, the Spartan newspaper's Twitter now includes a photo of the Castleton Spartan, a link to the website and an entourage of 24 followers.

Utilizing Twitter has been beneficial for the paper thus far, getting views and feedback from people who would not have otherwise seen its articles.

Communications professor Dave Blow encourages students to link their articles on Facebook and tweet about them on their personal accounts as well as the papers. As the advisor for the Spartan, Blow thinks that making the paper more web-based is a step in the right direction.

"We need to play to our audience," said Blow, adding that though people still enjoy reading print, the Internet has also become a main focus for many newspapers.

The site has gotten a good response from students and the paper's follower base continues to grow everyday as people become more aware of the new page.

"It's a good way to help students stay updated and aware of what's going on around campus," said business major Steven Josselyn who checks his Twitter account daily.

Josselyn agrees that the site will be beneficial for Castleton students who want to read the news and also for journalism students to get their articles out on the web.

"I find myself reading articles online more and more every year," said Castleton Sophomore KT Pellegrino. "It's how I get my news."

Though Pellegrino is not an avid Twitter user, she believes that getting news from social networking sites is fast and easy, which makes it appealing for many people. She plans to start following via Twitter since she rarely has the time to read the paper when it comes out in print.

"Twitter is what everyone is into now," Pellegrino said. "I'm glad Castleton's finally catching on."

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese and Sondra Olds

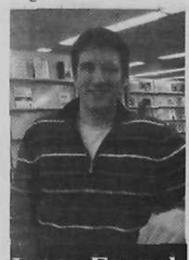
Question:
How do you plan on spending your St. Patty's Day?

Catie Cannon

"To wear my three-piece lime green liesure suit with gold lamet buttons."

Charlotte Gerstein

"I'm going to make corned beef and cabbage."



Isaac French

"Having a party at my house because my three roommates will be turning 21."

Ian Hunter

"Wake up whenever and start drinking."

Hannah Engelhard

"I have friends coming and we're probably going to drink all day."

Journalist loves digging for news

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VtDigger.org editor Anne Galloway speaks to a journalism class about the future of journalism.

By JenniLee Mark
Spartan Contributor

It's 9 a.m. on a Monday and students in David Blow's journalism class are feverishly scribbling to keep up with Anne Galloway.

The editor of VtDigger.org was explaining how a few years ago, after job cuts had to be made forcing her out as a editor of the Barre Times-Argus, she had a spark in her mind to provide Vermont information about its own legislature.

"In order to stay in journalism, I had to do my own thing," Galloway told the class last week. "I had no idea what I was doing. All I knew was I wanted to produce a lot of stories."

She started the unique non-profit website on her own and put in countless hours to find money to fund it. Now, almost three years later, she has more help from an editor, a sales director and full-time and free-lance reporters. Most of Galloway's employees, she said, have similar interests in "geeky government issues" as the readers they write for.

VTDigger also provides readers with press releases and countless stories about important issues from health care reform to campaign financing. The site, she stressed, is also transparent with sponsorship placements and revenues listed. Unlike a lot of news sites, she said, nothing is hidden behind a pay wall.

Although the stories run a bit long compared to typical online news stories, Galloway defends her site by saying that she wants to give readers stories about politics, health care, energy and money issues that are as in-depth as possible.

Randal Smathers, the editor of Manchester Newspapers in Granville, N.Y. and former Rutland Herald editor, is a fan of Galloway's work and VT-Digger. But Smathers, in an interview with students before Galloway's visit, questioned the length of the stories on the site in the fast-paced quick news era.

"I'm curious to see how it is working in the Twitter age," he said. "It's an interesting model, but it's a great way to start at how we might do journalism down the road."

Galloway told students she's aware of the modern quick-hit online news format preferred by many and is working on a plan to incorporate that onto her homepage in the near future.

"We want to give quick information to the political junkies, CEOs and law makers who read the site, but we don't want to abandon what we've got; the core info that people need," Galloway said. "There's a tension to move in that direction of Twitter and Facebook, but the industry in still in flex. We don't know where it is going to end up."

Also in the classroom last week was CSC senior Zach Kulpa, who created a news aggregator site called VermontNewsFlash.com as his senior project.

Kulpa told students he realized that his peers just don't read the news. He hopes his site will be able to provide students with quick blurbs of news, following the short Twitter format. He chooses five stories a day to highlight with links to the full story.

Susan Allen, the special assistant to Gov. Peter Shumlin and head of communications, supports Galloway's site. She said she respects the site because it does not have an agenda, is thorough and objective. Allen, who was editor at the Time-Argus when Galloway was laid off said in a telephone interview with the class that she's a fan of Galloway and the site and thinks it is another example of how journalism is moving in a new direction.

"There's a lot going on with online journalism and Anne's site is one big piece of it," Allen said. "Online journalism is going to be the way of the future."

Dorm to be ready for fall semester

By Casey Battles
Spartan Contributor

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Construction of the new dormatory on campus should be completed by June.

Castleton State College's new dormitory will be ready on June 1, but Castleton students will not be the first ones to sleep in it.

Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman said some much smaller bodies will be the first to bed down in New Hall.

"The new dorm will first be used for younger children for a summer camp," he said.

The camp will take place sometime in June, long before Castleton students return for the fall semester.

And even when CSC students do return, they won't be able to try to squat rooms in the new dorm.

Aaron Bloomer, a full-time Castleton student, was a little disappointed with that.

"I planned on camping out to reserve a room for next year, but I guess they are doing it a different way," he said.

Instead of allowing students to try to pick the new dorm, Dikeman said the school is just going to assign a mix of under-and-upperclassmen to the new dorm for the upcoming fall semester.

Bloomer was also bummed that younger kids get to sleep in it first.

"I was also disappointed when I heard about the summer camp because I think Castleton students should be the first ones to use the new building," he said.

Another Castleton student, Chris Mack, agreed, saying he worried about summer camp kids ruining the new building.

"I would want Castleton students to use it first because what if something were to happen when the summer camp kids were in there?" he said.

When asked why the new dorm was built, Dikeman said "There was an issue of overcrowding on campus and we as a school want more students to live on campus."

The new corridor style dorm will hold 162 beds with 81 rooms available for students to use if they are chosen to live there next fall.

The building is not only for students at Castleton, Dikeman said. It also has space for meetings and conferences and may hold some dinners.

The building also is going to have solar panels to reduce energy use, he said

With the building expected to cost about $7.8 million from an $8 million budget, Dikemen said they can use the other $200,000 on something else or put that money into the new gazebo being built right next to the new dorm.

Construction workers are still working long hours to finish the project, and even though Castleton students will not be the first ones to use the new dorm, there is still a positive exciting buzz going around campus about the building.

"This building is going to allow us to bring in more students as this Castleton campus continues to expand," Dikeman said.

Group champions feminism on campus

By Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

In honor of Women's History Month, Peer Advocates for Change recently set up tables in the Campus Center to display the different options students have when it comes to things like unhealthy relationship, STI awareness and testing, predatory drugs, feminism and sexual abuse.

The Rutland Regional Medical Center had a representative discussing options for their Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program. Registered SANE nurse and Castleton grad, Pam Poalino discussed the process of what should be done when a sexual assault takes place. She said a kit needs to be put together in case the person decides to press charges.

"You are one on one with a nurse, it usually takes four to five hours," Poalino said.

Poalino said that when deciding to come to the hospital, victims are given many options after an assault takes place. Students can report the assault, get tested for STD's and even get services including counseling. She said it is always the person's choice to report the assault and if they chose to do so it would have to be within six months. Poalino said there are about 35 to 40 cases a year.

"We work as a team with the sexual assault team in Rutland. It's nice to be connected to outside resources. A lot of students have been assisted by them," said Wellness Center Director Martha Coulter.

Planned Parenthood had a booth with information about women's and men's healthcare, especially STI testing.

"We have a grant through the state of Vermont so some people without insurance can get STI tests for free," Planned Parenthood representative Carla Stewart said.

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Women's history booth set up in the Campus Center.

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Pub Night numbers dwindling

By Tom Ferruolo
Spartan Contributor

The Spartan Room in Huden Dining Hall transforms every Wednesday night from a place where students scarf down food as fast as possible to Pub Night, where students can come and relax and listen to music played by their peers.

The only problem is, very few students at Castleton seem interested in attending.

Pub Night was developed as an idea in Professor Philip Lamy's sociology class. The thought was to create a place for students to go and be a part of the Castleton State community. However, Pub Night organizers say there has seen a dramatic decrease in the attendance this school year.

"This semester and last semester there hasn't been a great turn out," said freshman and Pub Night regular, Kate Cusson. "Sometimes it's just the band there jamming by themselves."

But are the students at Castleton State uninterested in Pub Night or is there more that can be done to spread the word?

"You don't see a lot of advertising for Pub Night," said senior Isaac French. "I think they could send out e-mails or something to get the students interested in [Pub Night] again."

Keith Haley, a junior who has been put in charge of advertising for Pub Night, said he and others are working to make students more aware of it across the campus.

"We have started sending out the emails again and we have created a Facebook page that tells people who's performing and when Pub Night is going to be held. We're really hoping that it draws students back," Haley said.

The lack of attendance has been frustrating for both performers and organizers.

"It's just hard with all of the hoops you have to jump through to put a show together," Haley said "There is a lot of paperwork that has to be done. You have to get the acts and other ideas approved by the school, then you have to get everyone to agree on what should be played. It's just really disappointing when you put it all together and only five to 10 people show up."

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A student plays to a near empty room during the Pub Night on March 8.

French, who is known across the CSC campus for his singing voice, has been a victim of the poor attendance at Pub Night.

"I use to perform at Pub Night last year but no one really goes this year, and I don't really want to perform for three people," French said.

Despite the dwindling numbers in attendance, some students still believe that it has a place and a purpose at Castleton.

"It's just really hard to organize the space, the time, and all the music. But when it does get organized, it's awesome!" said Cusson.

The students who have been working to promote Pub Night hope to see bigger crowds as they prepare for the next one this Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Students urged to study abroad

By Will Stuhler and Derek Fallon
Spartan contributors

Castleton State College officials believe their students' education should not be limited to campus and urge them to take advantage of the study abroad program.

Students who have studied abroad say they couldn't agree more.

"Being abroad you get to experience a completely different part of the world in a completely different culture," said Drew Shea, who has traveled through the school to Costa Rica and Peru.

The abroad program is a way for students to realize that the world we live in is a lot bigger than just the United States, Castleton officials say.

"There are many different types of cultures out there that are very similar to ours, but also very different as well," said Roy Vestrich, a CSC communication professor who leads the London semester.

"It's a way for students to take a look at their own values when they travel," Vestrich said.

That might be especially true, students say, for those who are traveling for the first time. Junior Megan Harris, who traveled to India last semester for her first study abroad trip, came back a changed person.

"Going to India was like taking a fish out of water and letting it go and see how it does," she said.

Harris said she was overwhelmed by "the humbleness of the people who don't have anything and don't want anything else."

Yasmine Ziesler is the associate academic dean who oversees the study abroad program. She believes that everyone should study abroad at least once in their life.

"You learn much more about yourself," she said, adding that she knows this from experiences studying in Poland and teaching English in South Korea.

Ziesler and others said it's very easy to study abroad at Castleton. You can travel wherever you want. It's as easy as emailing Ziesler and letting her know you are interested. She can be reached at yasmine.ziesler@castleton.edu.

And those interested in the London semester in the fall can visit with officials from Roehampton University when they visit campus on March 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Alumni Room of Huden Dining Hall.

Find your true colors at the Wellness Center

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Apparently I possess a superior intellect and 98% of the time I'm always right. It appears that I am efficient, rational, unique, a great planner, and under control. Though precise, I'm not repetitive. I'm calm, but not emotional. Others may see me as critical, unappreciative, arrogant, and eccentric. In conversation I tend to rely on the facts, avoid the small talk, and argue any side of an issue. Sometimes I worry that I am not being understood.

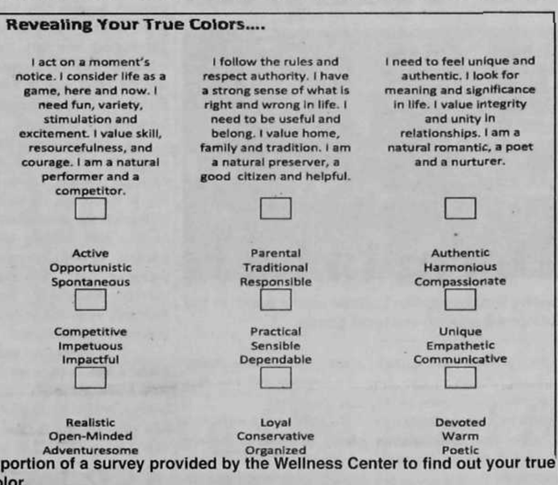
My true color is green and I wish I could meet others greens, perhaps some blue, orange and gold people too. But I was the sole attendee at "Mix It Up," held in the 1787 Room on March 1, and the only student who found out his or her True Color.

"We were going to hold 'Five Steps' program," said Amy Bremel next to stacks of unmoved neon papers.

"But then people called up asking for the mixer," said Barbara McCall, coordinator of campus wellness education.

The mixer was intended to be something like speed dating. Through a simple test participants would receive one primary color and one secondary color. These would represent "what you were and what others saw in you," McCall said. The numbers could be pretty spread out, and most people, McCall mentioned, are "rainbows."

On the backs color-sheet printouts were strategies in which to communicate with different color-minded people. For instance, if a blue individual (compassionate, creative, idealistic) wished to talk with a green individual, he or she may want to use clear and precise language and use logic to support decisions.


Revealing Your True Colors....
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I follow the rules and respect authority. I have a strong sense of what is right and wrong in life. I need to be useful and belong. I value home, family and tradition. I am a natural preserver, a good citizen and helpful.
I need to feel unique and authentic. I look for meaning and significance in life. I value integrity and unity in relationships. I am a natural romantic, a poet and a nurturer.
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Authentic Harmonious Compassionate
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Practical Sensible Dependable
Unique Empathetic Communicative
Realistic Open-Minded Adventuresome
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A portion of a survey provided by the Wellness Center to find out your true color.

Bremel added that it wasn't going to be a substantial evening, but at least it would give people the chance to learn about each other in a safe environment and not at a bar.

"Maybe people thought they would have been putting themselves out there," said Martha Coulter, Wellness Center director. "It takes courage to put yourself out there and say 'I want to meet new people.'"

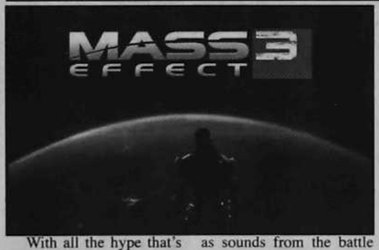
Starting Monday, March 19 in the 1787 Room, McCall, Bremel, and Coulter, will hold a five-week session called Happy Hearts. The sessions will be for learning and developing healthy relationship skills.

The session, said Bremel, would "not be a support group, but a small group setting to discuss relationships."

These skills, Bremel continued, would be effective for any kind of relationship whether it be romantic, between a coworker, family, or friend.

Even though you didn't get to go to the Mixer you can still find out your "True Color" by filling out the short survey by answering each question one through four. Rate one as being least like you and four as most like you. If you want to find out all the other information associated with your color, stop by the Wellness Center and just ask for a copy.

Review: Mass Effect 3 ★★★★★



With all the hype that's been surrounding the release of Mass Effect 3, it was hard not to think that BioWare was showing a little too much of their hand. Gameplay trailers, multiple story trailers, staff interviews, and voice cast reveals all started to feel like we were being told exactly what to expect.

The good news is, that would be completely false. Without giving anything away for those of you who haven't played, it's my job to get across to you all the reasons you should buy this game.

First on the list, the presentation is phenomenal. I still can't get over the sound and visual quality in every single moment of this game. Combat dialogue is more interesting and even more realistic and engaging than any "realistic" shooter out there. Every single world is displayed in fantastic detail, and I never once experienced a framerate slowdown. I'm amazed at the ambitiousness of the art design, but even moreso that it was delivered without a hitch. Towering Reapers menace worlds in the background as sounds from the battle echo over the distances, while Shepard simultaneously does combat with five or 10 enemies. Everything is given the perfect sense of scale, and I can't wait to play through this game again just to stare at the backgrounds more. One last thing I have to mention on this topic: each of the previous installments has had its signature night club locale. ME1 had Chora's Den, ME2 had Afterlife, and ME3 completely blows the roof off with Purgatory. I often went to visit just to look at the surroundings and listen to the stellar audio.

Next up is the content of the game. I was worried that the weapon system would be like ME2, where certain guns are limited to certain classes. This is no longer a problem, as I played the entire game as an Adept and had the choice to equip all five weapon types (at the price of a higher cooldown penalty). The customization of weapons and armor finds the perfect medium between ME1 and ME2; I never felt overwhelmed at the amount of micromanaging involved, but I never found myself wanting anything more.

Here comes the word fans were afraid of: multiplayer. Well fans, have no fear, as this aspect of the game in fact adds appeal by the truck load. My friends and I have played this mode almost every night since the demo came out in Feb., and it hasn't gotten old. It is, dare I say, more fun than Call of Duty. The sense of teamwork is satisfying beyond any game of zombies or Spec Ops, and has challenges and unlocks a plenty so you'll never run out of things to do.

Lastly, the story, which is clearly the most important part. Let's just say it's everything you can expect, complete with the overwhelming amount of side quests you've come to know and love. (That would be my one nag: you get sidequests simply by overhearing a conversation at times. I often found myself gathering things I didn't know the purpose of.) Basically, if you were at all invested in the characters and story of the last two, this game will not disappoint.

There is no reason not to buy this game. From the opening cutscene to the end credits, this emotional rollercoaster will have you laughing and crying at intervals, never knowing what to expect, but enjoying every moment regardless.

- Nick Minarik

Review: Fireflight - NOW ★★★★★

Unlike most bands I follow, Fireflight has been releasing albums in the spring of every even year since 2004 like clockwork.

It's unbelievable to have a band deliver so reliably on a timeline while also steadily improving in quality. Their latest release, "Now," builds on everything they've been doing for the past eight years while simultaneously mixing in new and unique features.

Don't let that last line scare you; if you've liked Fireflight for a while, there's no chance you won't like this album. They haven't included anything so radically different as to turn off returning fans.

In fact, there are a few spiritual (literally) sequels on this album, with "He Weeps" following directly in the path of "Name," and "Stronger Than You Think" seeming very much like "Fire in My Eyes."

The standout piece on Now is "Escape;" it's the only song I can describe as haunting without it having the Evanescence quality of creepiness.

Dawn's piercing vocals combine with Justin's more gritty voice in a sort of call-and-response pattern throughout the song, and it's unlike anything I've heard by them.

This album combines healthy doses of inspiration, heavy alternative rock, and great vocals in a tight 10-song package. There's no reason not to grab this and check it out.

- Nick Minarik

Voghell accepts new position

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actors, technicians, and other staff approached Voghell 18 times with 18 different questions and problems.

He addressed and solved them all without breaking a sweat.

"He's the calmest human being you'll ever meet," said McEnerny, "I think he's absolutely unflappable."

Ask for stories about Chad and you don't get a lot; most people just cite the many times he's been so good at his job. He's almost always the first to show up and the last to leave. He has unparalleled professionalism.

Paradee recalls a night when she called him out of the blue, at last minute, because a performing band didn't tell them they didn't have their own sound guy. Chad showed up without question.

Voghell also takes on students for independent studies.

As a part of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Voghell has connections for the students who work with him.

"I work over-hire for him all the time," said Riquelme. A show will come to the Paramount Theater in Rutland, or the Flynn Theater in Burlington and they'll be looking for some help, and Voghell will send over some of his students.

"It helps my friends," said Voghell, "because they're looking for labor. And it helps students to work in a professional environment."

"I think you can measure his success by where the people who have worked with him are working now,"said Robert Gershon, the department head of communications. "You see them all over the state and as far as Los Angeles. People who've worked with Chad probably learned as much from him as they did in a classroom."

"I think he's going to be missed," says Paradee before correcting herself. "I know he's going to be missed."

Voghell has been at Castleton for 16 years.

"I'm just in love with Castleton," Voghell said. He remembers that first audition, when he first met McEnerny. It was in that theater, during that production that he met his wife Jennifer Voghell.

"The people who work at Castleton are part of what make Castleton the best place to work. The hardest thing about leaving is leaving all of my friends," laments Voghell.

Student trains in Europe

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also made some major ground in skijoring – essentially being pulled on skis by a pack of dogs. His brother, Eddie, originally got into sled dog racing, so Dillon took up skijoring.

"When they were younger, we didn't want them to compete against each other," Patricia said.

The winter between '08 and '09, Dillon was the bronze medalist for skijoring in the world, and was the gold medalist in the United States. He was only 17 at the time.

"The kids were taught by really good mentors. The sport 10 years ago was huge. It's dwindling now. My husband took them to a lot of races and they met a lot of people. We connected with the right people who had the patience to teach children. Children are the future of any sport, or anything," Patricia said.

And part of the learning process dealt with sportsmanship.

One thing my dad taught us was that we needed to lose before we could win, so when we did win we knew how those people who lost felt, so we didn't run around bragging," Dillon said.

Next year will be Dillon's last "official" year racing in both sledding and skijoring, but both he and his family think he'll continue to enter into races for fun.

"He loves it so much. This is his adventure," Patricia said.

Dillon echoed his mother's comments.

"Sometimes I'm racing and I think: why am I doing this? I feel sick, I can't go farther. And somehow deep down I push myself that much further. This is my chi..." he said with a grin.

Peffer to replace Joe Mark

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And that's what really launched me into my graduate school work," he said.

As his life and career progressed, he discovered a Ph.D. program would have to wait since his grades—though not terrible—wouldn't do for enrollment. So instead, he enrolled in two different programs for two different master's degrees. One was at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary for a Masters Divinity degree and the other was at San Francisco Graduate School for a Masters in History.

For his doctorate in history, he ended up at Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh. He said, he reached the point where he was both utilizing his Masters Divinity degree pastoring at different churches while doing his doctorate work and he had to come to the decision.

"I came to, you know, a fork in the road... And I decided to go with college. And so I took a job first as an adjunct in Ohio, then took another job in Southeast Kentucky at a community college, which I loved the place, I love the people, but I got bored."

He was at that time teaching five survey courses a semester, but needed a change. He moved on to Sheboygan, Wis. to work at Lakeland College. Even there after 13 years, gaining tenure, and being a head faculty member, he again thought it was time for a transition.

Peffer then went on to endeavors in Asian American Studies at University of Chicago. There, he said, he had the opportunity to shape the future of scholarship,

"These were people who were going to be Ph.D.'s in Asian American Studies, so I loved mentoring," says Peffer.

When he left the University of Chicago, he applied for two positions — one working with graduate students and one in administration.

Ultimately, the decision to apply to the two positions brought him to Castleton in 2007. Originally he came on as associate academic dean, now he holds the position of dean of Undergraduate Studies, and, "Come July,' he laughs," I'll be the Academic Dean. It's just a wonderful place."

"I'm so grateful to be here. One of my goals is to be much more involved in what students are doing, so I know you besides whatever my position now entails or what it will entail," he said.

Peffer lives in West Rutland with his wife of 35 years, Myra. He has one daughter, Charity, and a grandson, Kian.

Mark said he feels comfortable knowing Peffer will be filling the role he has filled for decades.

"I think it's been helpful to have someone who already knows the institution, who already has relationships on campus," he said.

Mark said he has tried to help make the transition smooth, show him the methods he's used, and to involve Peffer in decision making and planning meetings and groups to help, "Tony take over."

Duo brings the farm to campus

By Maria Arnot
Castleton Spartan

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Sherry Smith and Ann LaRose staff a booth in the Campus Center to sell local goods.

Locally made and organic jams, vegetables, breads, cakes and cookies are readily available for the Castleton State College community every Thursday through a farmers' market in the Campus Center's solarium.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., mother and daughter farmers Sherry Smith and Ann LaRose can be seen behind a plethora of goodies.

"This has been very well-received by students and faculty," Smith said.

Their 500-acre farm is located right off Route 4 over the Vermont line.

"We are a four generation farm and do most of the work ourselves," Smith said, pointing to her mother. "Technically we are in New York. My cousin is right over the line in Vermont and he owns the dairy farm. We do mostly produce."

Although Smith said they do sell food in bulk orders at times and the organic milk goes to an organic milk company to be distributed, they mostly operate out of farmers' markets.

In addition to her new location in the Campus Center, the duo sells at the Winter Farmers' market on Wales Street in Rutland and also at one in Poultney.

"We make everything and preserve everything so that we can sell food throughout the year," she said. "We do four during the summer and two during the winter."

The table last week was host to pumpkin breads, a variety of canned vegetables and jams and even cakes and cookies.

"We grow all the pumpkins and everything for the cakes and breads," Smith said.

The pair will be in the Campus Center every Thursday at 11 a.m. until the end of the semester.

ASB builds home in Georgia

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On multiple Saturdays, they have worked building a home through the Habitat for Humanity chapter in Bennington.

Freshmen Abigael Roy said she is expecting to "learn how to do handy work through building houses and cleaning up the surrounding area."

She said not only the Georgia residents will gain from this experience, but the Castleton students will as well.

"Georgia isn't the first place I expected to be spending my Spring break. However, after all the preparation, I couldn't be more excited and am okay with sacrificing time I could be laying on the beach for others," said Paola.

Feminism on campus

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Stewart also talked about services that they offer for pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, abortion and even adoption.

Rutland County Women's Network and Shelters representative Addie Gledding spoke about the services and opportunities her agency offers.

"We have a lot of volunteer services, healthy relationship checks, check yourself 'sexist jokes', predatory drug testing and help with physical or sexual assault, such as advocating for you in a school setting, getting restraining orders, new locks, flood lights or other stuff," Gledding said.

PAC also held a bake sale to raise money.

"The money is going to the women's shelter in Rutland," said Kelley Beckwith while adding that faculty and students contributed to the baking.

The 'This is What a Feminist Looks Like' table consisted of flyers, index cards to write what feminism means to you, free pens, cups, and key chains. PAC was in the process of setting up a display of photographs of people from the shoulders up to put on these t-shirt flyers with quotes under them of why these particular people are feminists.

Poalino was stationed with the SANE pamphlets and flanked by PAC advisor Amy Bremel, who has veray specific views of what she thinks feminism really is.

"A huge aspect of it is if you open up a history textbook it only highlights men's accomplishments. We are here to celebrate and honor women in history who have had a huge impact on all kinds of issues," said Bremel. "We each define feminism in a different way; feminism for me is supporting equality."

Check out the snowhawk

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Several students walk by a snowman that was built on Feb. 29, one of the only snowy days this winter.

New professor settling in

By Mike Divis
Spartan Contributor

First-year Castleton State College athletics professor Tom Geisler said he feels like a high school student moving on to his first year at college all over again.

Geisler, a former teacher at Rutland High school, is in his second semester at Castleton and is finding the transition to be easier than he thought.

"I'm really happy to be at Castleton. The change is good," Geisler stated.

Prior to coming to Castleton, Geisler taught both English and physical education at Rutland High School. He taught English for five years before switching to physical education in 2004 when he then got an undergrad degree along with his masters in physical education.

"I have always had a passion for physical education," Geisler stated.

English is still a very vital part of his life, especially now that he is teaching in the classroom again.

"Having a background in English is useful. You don't know what direction you'll go in," Geisler said.

Geisler isn't the only educator in his family. His wife teaches biology at Rutland High School and she also taught physical education at Ludlow Elementary for three years before switching.

Students in Geisler's classes say they enjoy his methods.

"He is really personable, his class is interesting and he knows what he is talking about," said Sophomore Nick Lingardo.

Another one of his students, Daley Crowley, finds his class to be really informative.

"He makes class time interesting by having us do labs instead of just taking notes every day. I can tell that he enjoys teaching and likes getting to know his students," Crowley said.

Along with teaching through the years, Geisler has also been the coach of both the boys and girl's basketball teams at Rutland, and is still the girls coach.

When the opening at Castleton came about, Geisler said he didn't want to miss the opportunity.

"It's a good change and a different animal" he said.

KATIE SAULT

Professor Tom Geisler lectures his designs for fitness class,

His peers in the athletic department seem impressed.

"He has had experience of teaching and coaching in the public school system" said John Feenick, chair of the physical education department.

And although he's no longer teaching at Rutland High, he hasn't been forgotten.

"He was a leader amongst the faculty," Rutland High School Athletic Director Mike Norman said.

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Taylor Lively pitches during Castleton's recent trip to Virgina.

Softball team gains new coach and confidence

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

The distinct ping echoing from the athletic field that only occurs from the solid connection of bat on ball means that softball season has begun. Junior right-handed pitcher Emily Sweeney assures that Castleton softball fans will be hearing that delightful ping a lot this year.

"We have a good team dynamic, everyone gets along and really appreciates each other," Sweeney said. "After practice there's people hitting and pitching to each other, and that's different from past years."

This year is Chris Chapdelaine's first year coaching softball after seven successful years coaching only the women's soccer team.

"It's definitely a different sport, but I like it," Chapdelaine said. "It's not as fast paced, but you need to work as a team in the field and as an individual at the plate."

Chapdelaine also brought on Castleton graduate Bill Manley, who played third base for the baseball team, as assistant hitting coach. Chapdelaine feels that he has already seen an increase in the team's confidence when at the plate.

"He's such a good teacher, all the girls benefit a lot from him," Sweeney said. "He's a good asset to the team."

The North Atlantic Conference coaches' preseason poll predicted Castleton to rank fourth in the conference.

"They think we're going to be the same team we were last year, but I think we're going to surprise everyone," said junior right-handed pitcher Taylor Lively. "We have a lot of games to play in a short time, almost 40 in less than two months. We just need to stay focused. It is a challenge but we can do it."

Chapdelaine said that both pitchers, Sweeney and Lively, have good relationships with the catchers. He feels that as juniors they are ready to step up, and he is confident the team will give them the quality innins they need.

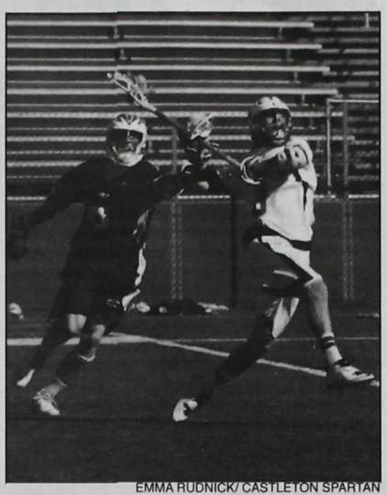
The womens' season began in Salem Virginia at the Roanoke Valley Softball Bash this past weekend.

Their first home game is against Skidmore College on Saturday, March 23, and their first NAC game is the following weekend at Green Mountain College.

"Husson is the team to beat this year," Chapdelaine said. "We have the talent we need to be very competitive in the conference."

Consistency crucial for men's lacrosse team

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan



EMMA RUDNICK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

Phil Patterson fights off a Western Conn. State defender during a game on March 11.

The two-time defending North Atlantic Conference champion Spartans' lacrosse team hopes to continue its winning ways this season as it comes into this season with a new head coach and a new conference opponent.

Even though the Spartans have had great success during the last two seasons, staying humble and working hard are still at the top of the agenda.

"We have to make sure we take it game by game," coach Bo McDougal said. "And hopefully we can string a couple of wins together."

The Spartans are off to an 0-3 start thus far with losses to non-conference foes Kean, RPI and Western Conn. St. But even with a shaky start, the Spartans returned five all-conference players from last year including 2011 NAC co-player of the year Nohea King and NAC rookie of the year Alex Green.

King led the Spartans with 26 assists last year and also added 41 goals and 67 points which were both good for second on the team.

Green set a team record with 70 points last season including a team leading 50 goals and 20 assists which was good enough for second on the team.

Along with King and Green, Adam Groot, who was selected to the first-team all-conference last year, returns after a great season last year where he accumulated 43 points by way of 29 goals and 14 assists. Also David DeGhetto, who kept opponents to only 7.54 goals a game last year, returns along with Adam Farmer who was a pivotal defensive presence last year.

"We have a lot of talent," King said. "But we need to communicate and work together if we are going to go anywhere."

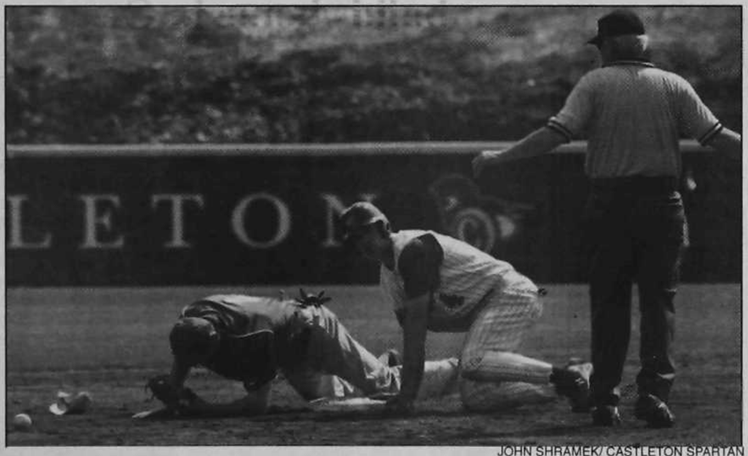
The Spartans also have a new conference rival in New England College, who went 13-6 overall last year including an 11-5 victory over the Spartans.

But even with a new conference foe, the Spartans will continue to stick to their plan of living in the moment.

The Spartans hope to get back to their winning ways soon as they take on Plymouth St. on March 17 and then take on NAC opponent Johnson St. on March 24

"When we play unselfish that is when we are at our best," McDougal said. "Consistency is the key for us we must be consistent."

Tensions high between CSC and Husson



JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

David Brandt, now a senior, slides in saftely against a Husson player during the 2010 NEAC East championship game.

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

In professional sports, rivalries make for some of the most interesting and intense playing and viewing experiences. There are the Red Sox and Yankees, Lakers and Celtics and the Vikings and Packers.

And while countless professionals play the game for money or fame, most college athletes play for respect and for the love of the game, making some college rivalries even more intense than the professional ones.

At Castleton State College, one of the most intense rivalries is ready to start up again as the Spartan baseball team prepares to begin its North Eastern Athletic Conference East play facing its arch nemesis, Husson University.

Castleton and Husson have butted heads in the conference playoffs for much of the past decade. In fact, you have to go back to 2004 to find the last time one team didn't eliminate the other from conference play.

The teams have even met each other in the championship game in each of the past four seasons, splitting those championships at two each, with Husson taking last season's title.

"I think that we have guys returning from last year that are hungry to win because last year ended on such a bad note," said Ryan Zielinski, the 2010 NEAC Rookie of the Year. "We were picked to defend our title and failed to do so, a lot of us have a chip on our shoulder."

That means there will be a lot of hungry Spartans with 18 players returning from last season's team. Highlighting the returners are Zielinski, who slugged .451 and drove in 35 runs, David Brandt, who hit .292 and scored 35 runs, and Zak Mayo, who hit .323 and drove in 20. Tyler Erickson also returns to lead the pitching staff after going 5-3 with a 3.52 ERA last season.

Cameron Curler, a junior, says that the team's chemistry will hopefully help them get off to a strong start this season.

"There's a strong level of comfort on the field due to our large number of returning players," he said. "It's too early to say anything for certain, but at this point, I have to say that everyone feels pretty good about the upcoming season."

While the Spartans don't begin conference play for another week, the team has already played four games in Texas. The team went 0-4 on the trip, but Zielinski said that the team played well together.

"I have a really good feeling about our team so far this year, a lot of chemistry on the team early on and after our first four games in Texas," he said. "It was the best we've played at the beginning of the season in the three years I've been here."

Castleton's first crack at redemption against Husson comes on April 13 when the team hosts a pair of back-to-back double headers against the Eagles.

"We love to hate Husson, and they love to hate us," Curler said. "The reason they're so competitive is because they play so hard."

Zielinski agreed with Curler about Husson's intensity.

"The Castleton and Husson rivalry is very interesting, and over the past few years, it has gotten heated on multiple occasions," Zielinski said. "Those games mean more to both teams because, the past few years, every game we played them it meant home field for the playoffs."

Men ski team competes at nationals, Podnecky takes home title

By Pete Jones
Castleton Spartan

This past week the Castleton ski season came to a close with the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association National Championship in Newry, Maine.

The men's team placed in third out of five in skier-Cross on Wednesday, March 7.

Michelle Podnecky placed first in the women's individual results, reclaiming the championship and taking home the gold once again.

"Last season she couldn't defend her title because of an injury," explained Co-head ski coach Christopher Eder. "It was nice that she could win the title back."

Ski-Cross is similar to Moto-cross in that there is a start and a finish with jumps and hairpin turns. Skiers are allowed to survey the course before hand so that they know what they're in for.

"Michelle is a very good skier. She knows how to navigate that type of terrain," said Eder. "Compared to most of the competitors there, she had the least experience, but because she's fast, she can compete."

Four racers compete at once on a narrow course for first place, which is different from slalom and giant slalom where racers are timed individually.

"It can get dirty out there when they try and stop you from passing," said Eder. "She has the talent and ability to do it, she's an over all great athlete.

The next day the men's team placed in sixth out of twenty, in the nation, at the USCSA Giant Slalom, setting a new team record. Robert Burke posted the best time of those who represented Castleton with 2:27.38, for twentieth out of over 100 competitors.

Finally on Saturday the men placed eighth in Slalom ending the season.

Ben Hannah placed 30th, Karl Robicsek was 46th, and Connor O'Brien was 52nd out of 105 racers.

"The 2012 season has been a historic one for the Castleton ski team," Eder said. "We went on to win our first-ever USCSA Eastern Regional Championship. The sixth place overall result at the USCSA National Championships was our best ever. The third place result in the men's skier-cross was our first team podium result at the USCSA Nationals."

Castleton alums go pro

By Ryan Delorme and Kyle Richards
Spartan contributors

Two former Castleton State College hockey players, Stuart Stefan and Jonathan Lafrance, have taken their talents to Huntsville, Alabama to pursue their professional hockey aspirations.

Stefan, a forward from Delhi, Ontario and all-time leading scorer for the Spartans hockey team and Lafrance, a rugged two-way defenseman from Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, Quebec, are now teammates for the Huntsville Havoc of the Southern Professional Hockey League.

Both players graduated from Castleton in 2011.

"Stu" and "Laffy," as they're called by their Castleton teammates, are living together in an apartment complex in Huntsville.

"It's something college teammates don't expect to have happen. I'm very fortunate to play on the same team as Stu once again," Lafrance said.

"It helps to know someone," added the soft-spoken Stefan.

Both players have their own unique reasons for taking the next step to the professional level.

"I wanted to keep playing hockey and stay in the game for as long as possible," said Stefan, a man of few words, but one who has a big heart.

Lafrance, a man of many words, stated in his French accent that he wanted to keep playing, "for love of the game and the fact that it is something I always wanted to do since I was young."

The duo said the average salary for a first-year SPHL player is about $250 per week. Living expenses, internet, cable and electric are paid for by the organization, and they get 50 percent off at several restaurants around town. When on the road for away games, players are paid $20 a day, and dinners are usually paid for by the team.

The typical professional game day routine consists of a 9 a.m. wake-up, a pregame skate at 10 a.m., team lunch after the skate, home for some rest, a quick snack and then back to the rink at 5 p.m. for their 7 p.m. games.

"My first shift in the pros I was so excited and wired it was awesome. I was all over the place hitting, got a couple shots on net and played solid. Not gonna lie, my legs were a little wobbly," Lafrance said, giggling in his broken English.

COURTESY OF RYAN DELORME

Stuart Stefan snipes a shot past Fayetteville FireAntz goaltender Mike Brown.

Stefan said his first shift was equally memorable.

"I was nervous, but excited at the same time, but when it comes down to it, the game is still the same," he said.

Stefan also spoke about time away from the ice and how much fun he's having in the south.

"We work in the morning, go to the golf course or workout during the day and live the dream of a hockey player," he said.

The professional game also offers one part of hockey that the NCAA game fails to allow; fighting, which Lafrance loves.

"The adrenaline rush is so high during the fight that you don't actually feel anything, but after the fight you enjoy that feeling, win or lose. It can be very hard at times if you don't control those emotions," said Lafrance, who has five fights on the season.

Stefan has yet to register a fight, but said he isn't opposed to the idea.

"I would if the opportunity presented itself."

Alex Todd, head coach for the Spartans, had nothing but praise for his former players.

"Both guys brought a real professional and mature approach to the Castleton program and community," said Todd.

Todd, who also played professionally after his four years at Division I Union College, talked about what the professional game is like and described his role as a pro.

"My biggest strength was also my biggest weakness. I was always a team first kind of guy in order to do what was best for the team, but to advance, there is a certain level of ME needed at the pro level," he said.

He added with a huge smile that his time in the West Coast Hockey League and Central Hockey League, was an "AWESOME experience."

Kurt Colling, a graduate assistant for the Spartans hockey team, also spoke glowingly about the duo.

"Stu was easy to coach and led by example on the ice. Laffy lived to compete and was the hardest worker in the weight room," he said, adding that Lafrance holds the Castleton team record for front squat at 385 lbs.

Former teammates also spoke fondly of them and talked about what they meant to the team while at Castleton.

Sophomore forward, Nick Lazorko, the new single-season goal leader, said he learned from Stefan by, "watching him score goals." Lazorko also said that Lafrance was "wise on and off the ice."

Another Castleton teammate, Terrence Hermans, agreed.

"I was privileged and honored to play with them, and I held them on a high pedestal to be leaders, which they were," he said with a smile.

When receiving the news that they signed professionally for the Huntsville Havoc, Todd couldn't have been more proud.

"It felt great. To put four years of hard work into our program socially, academically and hockey wise is a testament to those guys," Todd said.

But they aren't the only Castleton alumni to make the jump to the professional level. Jared Lavender, Travis Martell and Omar Pacha are the other three alumni to previously go pro.

With the program's recent success and national rankings, the opportunity for more Castleton graduates to play professionally looks promising.

COURTESY OF RYAN DELORME

Jonathan Lafrance drops the gloves with Deven Stillar of the Mississippi RiverKings.

Sports Talk

Kyle Turner

Winter sports have come to an end and there were a lot of things that this school can be proud about its athletic program moving forward.

To start off, the men's basketball team won its first-ever North Atlantic Conference Championship and they can only get better next year.

Mark Comstock was named the NAC Player of the Year, and he is only a junior. It would not surprise me if the Spartans won back-to-back NAC titles, eventhough they are losing three seniors (five in all) who provide a lot of offense in Greg Hughes, Keith Schneider and David Cochrane.

The Spartans have a lot of young talent, especially at the point and shooting guard positions.

The women's basketball team also won the NAC Championship this year and with such a young team, you can only think that they'll be right in the thick of it next year.

Next season they won't have three-point specialist Christine Jacques or Vanessa Powers, who is a force in the paint.

They do have some key young players who can pick up the slack. Alyssa Leonard is going to be a junior, and she can put double-digits in points up any night.

Tarryn Bolognani will be a strong senior presence for the girls along with two-time Defensive Player of the Year, Kelly Conway. Bolognani and Conway can also provide jolts to the offense for the Spartans.

Don't overlook the importance of Meghan O'Sullivan, a sophomore next year, but she can knock down the mid-range jumper all day.

The women's hockey team had a surprising season under coach Bill Bowes this year, finishing the regular season with a 9-13-2 record, breaking the previous record of seven wins in a single season.

The Spartans also won their first-ever playoff game with a 3-2 victory over Salve Regina. They also gave Norwich a bit of a game before falling to the Cadets 5-2. The women can only get better from here.

Sure the men's hockey team got dismantled 11-1 by Norwich in the ECAC East final, but look at the positives: they made the ECAC East Final for the first time in school history and have only gotten better in each of the past four seasons.

They do graduate four seniors this year, but the Spartans also have plenty of young talent just like the rest of the Spartan teams.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly this Friday where we recap all of the Spartan playoff games and give you previews of upcoming games.

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Vanessa Powers scores 1,000 points

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

After being only the 12th player in Castleton women's basketball history to reach 1,000 points, senior Vanessa Powers became the first player in school history to be chosen to play in the NEWBA Senior Classic game.

Powers scored her 1,000th point on Feb. 21 against Thomas College, leading the Spartans to victory in the North Atlantic Conference quarterfinal game and eventually the NAC championship against Colby-Sawyer.

"I didn't see the floor much my freshman year, so I knew that in my three years at Castleton, it was going to be very hard to reach 1,000," Powers explained. "I had no idea I was even close until we had just five games left in our season. It was definitely a big surprise."

However, this wasn't Powers' only time contributing to her team's success.

After transferring to Castleton as a sophomore from Rhode Island College in 2009 for academic purposes, she led the Spartans in rebounds with 171. She was second in team points, averaging 9.2 points per game. Powers was named the team MVP in her 2010-2011 season, which was her second year at Castleton. During that season, she also was named NAC player of the week twice. She ranked first in rebounding, with 158 rebounds and averaged 14.3 points per game.

Academically, she also shined.

Powers earned the NAC First Team Honors in 2010-2011. She was garnered with honorable mention accolades from the NEWBA twice during that season as well.

This past season was no different for Powers statistics wise as she averaged 14.5 points per game, scoring 406 in the season.

At the end of the season, Powers played in 83 games in her Castleton career and had scored 1,049 points.

"That's the thing about Vanessa, she made her 1,000 points in just three years and only 83 games," said Powers' coach, Tim Barrett.

As she lined up at the foul line in the game against Thomas College, she knew she was just two points away from reaching her 1,000th.

"I never make both free throws, so it was a big shock when the second one went in," said Powers. "It's a big accomplishment that I never thought I would get."

Just days before Powers scored her 1,000th, another Castleton athlete, Mark Comstock had scored his 1,000th point as a junior on the men's basketball team.

"We both worked really hard to reach this goal. I tried to stay focused and not think about how Mark had just made his, and I just tried to think of it as another regular season game."

Powers' teammates saw her as a great addition to the team and an awesome leader. Barrett described her as being less of a vocal leader and more as a player that leads by example.

"She has advantage over every other forward; she's taller, longer and faster. She's also extremely reliable," said teammate Christine Jacques. "You can pretty much just throw the ball and you know that she'll be there to get it."

Barrett says that while her individual statistics are impressive she is a team player at heart.

"She is really all about team success, and she reached this goal by being a consummate team player," said Barrett.

After having such a successful season, Powers was named in the NEWBA Senior All-Star Classic, which will be played at Western New England University on Saturday, Mar. 24. Other Division III players in New England that have been voted in by other coaches participate in the game.

"I'm really just proud of her, mostly because her accomplishments were recognized by other coaches in New England," said Barrett.

Other players are representing schools such as Rhode Island College, Bridgewater State University, Babson College, University of New England and 12 other schools.

"It's honestly just a great feeling. By accomplishing this goal, I am now a part of the history," said Powers. "It's an overall great feeling that is so hard to explain, and I couldn't have done it without the support of my team and my coaches."

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Vanessa Powers looks to make a pass during a game.

Castleton Spartan

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SGA election results

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Michael Shalginewicz.

By Megan Harris & Courtney Parker
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The ballots have been cast and the votes are in.

Community advisor and next year senior Michael Shalginewicz will be the new Student Government Association president and his running mates Corrie Keener and Erica Bilodeau will serve as vice president and vice president of academics, respectively.

Despite a campaign barrage of flyers and emails from his opponent Steve Reilly, student voters chose the less vocal Shalginewicz.

"I'm pleased with the results," he said after learning of his victory. "It was a tough race and I had worthy competition."

In a campus-wide email, John Aellig, advisor to SGA, praised not only the candidates, but students for their enthusiasm in choosing the next leaders for the school.

"I would like to sincerely thank everyone who ran in this year's election. I would especially like to thank all of the students who came out to vote for the candidates. Your support of these candidates speaks volumes about their character and how you believe they will be active contributors to the Castleton Community."

Presidential hopeful Steve Reilly said he was pleased for the experience he had and the friends gained, but he said he believes the election process could be altered to make the candidates more visible.

"I have already spoken with Michael. I congratulated him on being elected president of both the senior class and of student government. He has put his time in at Castleton as a student leader, and in turn, has made many great friends. Being the president will likely prove to be great amount of responsibility, but I'm sure he will do well," Reilly said.

Among the changes Reilly said he'd like to see are presidential debates, information tables and mandatory campaigning.

He also said there needs to better communication between adminis-

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Students go to NYC for journalism conference

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Students applaud the keynote speakers Zhubin Parang and Hallie Haglund at the NYC12 journalism conference. The writers for the Daily Show spoke about how to write fake news.

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

The bright lights and big city have a certain effect on communication students. The New York City trip to the College Media Association's annual conference was not only a success for the lessons learned, but for the fun and firsts experienced.

Senior Spartan editor Megan Davis comes bounding out of her session, "Top Chops Two", a tutorial and test of journalism skills. "You guys!" she hollers, "I just won ten bucks!" She is ecstatic. After her group had finished creating the best story lead from a fictitious account of a dead police officer, the four split a $40 prize.

"I think everyone should take this session, not just because I won some cash, but because it was a real test of my skills," Davis said smiling

Another first on the trip, at least for senior Jess Lawrenson, was a Broadway show.

"It was excellent!" she said, beaming. "I mean, it's the second time I've seen "Chicago" this week ... the school's and on Broadway." She said she's been trying to get to a Broadway show for the past three years on the trip and finally managed to, albeit solo.

"You would have thought I would've been miserable," she said laughing. "Sitting in the middle of New York City watching this show by myself, but I

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"Death Race" headed for TV

By Allyson Yandow and Anna Olson
Spartan Contributors

Seven years ago, Castleton State College professor Andy Weinberg and his friend Joe DeSena created one of the most physically and mentally demanding challenges in the world and dubbed it The Spartan Death Race.

The race involves tasks like hauling stumps for miles up a mountain and submerging yourself under near-freezing water for 60 seconds. Now the race is making its way to reality television.

"The Death race is the most intriguing out of all the Peak Races, and it's a very unique race, not only to us, but the racers, and is unlike any other event in the world. Out of nowhere people started contacting us about making it a TV show," Weinberg said.

Pilgrim Studios, the largest reality television production company in Los Angeles known for reality television shows "Dirty Jobs" and "The Ultimate Fighter," contacted Weinberg and DeSena interested in making a reality show called "Unbreakable," based on the infamous Spartan Death Race.

Weinberg said he had hoped for interest from MTV or Discovery, although he stressed they were never looking to get rich off the race. But if they were going to follow through on filming, he said they figured why not make some money off what they created.

He said MTV and Discovery felt the race was too intense of a production, but Pilgrim Studios was undaunted.

"I'm a teacher and my friend (Joe) is a stock broker and we know nothing about TV, so if they set it up we'll go through with it. They're going to write a script and produce it, but we will have little involvement," Weinberg said.

One of Weinberg's students, Kristy Pinkham, feels it is hard to believe that one of her professors, is crazy enough to create such a race.

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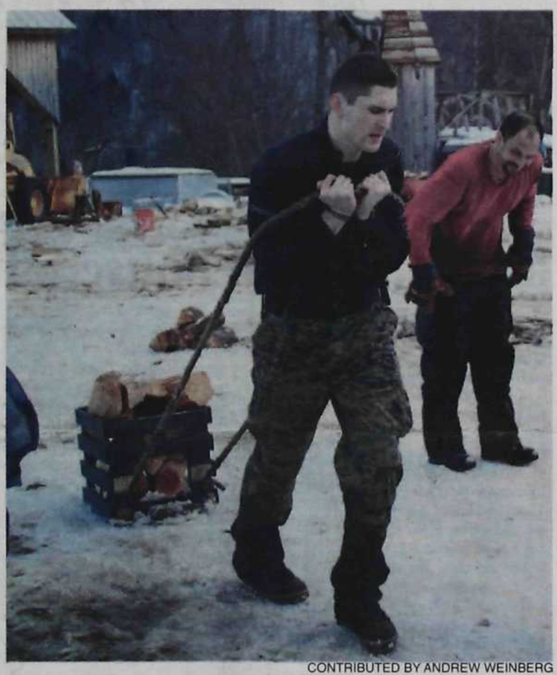

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Death Race participants haul wood in one of several endurance events.

Students taking advantage of spring

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

With days this pas\st week averaging about 70 degrees most, students and teachers have been spotted outside taking full advantage of the unseasonably warm weather. Whether it be students playing Frisbee near the library or lounging around in bathing suits in front of Huden, spring fever has hit the Castleton campus.

Senior Anthony Simms spent his days hanging out at the double-wide behind the school playing Wiffleball and throwing a football around with friends. He has no complaints about the early spring.

Though he feels that skipping class is like "watching hundreds of dollars go out the window" he admits that this week he chose lying on the lawn getting some sun over sitting in a classroom for three hours. As someone who loves being outside, he finds it hard to sit in class and listen to other people outside enjoying the heat.

"It's a combination of good weather and Senioritis kicking in making it hard for me to stay focused and motivated," Simms said.

Senior Annie Hartman is also excited about the early spring weather.

"Every moment I'm not in class or at work I'm outside working on my tan," said Hartman, who also bragged that she has already been golfing, which isn't very common in Vermont for this time of year.

Despite spring fever, class attendance has not yet been heavily affected.

"Most of my professors seemed a little shocked this week to have so many students in class," said Hartman adding that regardless of the beautiful weather she hasn't noticed a huge number of students skipping class.

The college's outdoor classroom, and picnic and gazebo area, have been heavily utilized this week by teachers and students itching to soak up some rays and benefit from some time learning outside the classroom walls.

Shun-Yao Chang suggested his Chinese II class spend their 50 minutes learning in the sunshine. Though it was a little windy students still preferred the change of scenery.

"It was one of my best Chinese classes," said student and media center employee Sarah Backus, who explained that being in an open space made it easier for her class to interact for their role-playing activity.

Castleton Professor Judith Robinson treated her Global Economic students to a class discussion out-

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Students enjoying the unseasonably warm weather.

Correction

A story on page four of the last issue of Castleton Spartan involving the new dorm contained incorrect information.

The article incorrectly said students would be randomly assigned to the dorm, and that they would not be able to choose to live there. The housing process, in fact, is going to work like it always has. The first night of selection will be for those who wish to squat, the second night for those who wish to move within their building, and the third night for those who wish to move into a new building.

New Hall will be included in the last night, and students will be called in by priority number to get a room. Sixty percent of each building will be filled by current students, and 40 percent will be left available for incoming freshman. The staff of Castleton Spartan apologizes for the error. If you have any concerns about housing or the selection process, contact an area coordinator or Director of Residence Life Mike Robilotto.

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Conference inspires students and prof.

It's 10:55 p.m. I just walked in the door from a three-day trip to a journalism conference in New York City with nine students.

I'm tired, but inspired. I felt the need to sit down and write.

In the last few days I've seen bonding, a little bickering, inspiration and energy.

I loved the banter I heard in the van over the last three hours. Cell phones and iPods were dying as we screamed up the New York Throughway. That coupled with road-weariness and three full days in New York had turned students silly and loud, but in a fun way.

But mixed into the silly banter was a lot of journalism talk.

There were older students coaching younger students about interviewing. A future editor was quizzing me with questions, doubting herself out loud and minutes later interviewing classmates for the story on the trip.

My partner in the front seat, who attended 13 one-hour sessions, was talking about how alluring it was hearing foreign correspondents in one session detail how they were driven by a need to see the world first and that journalism was born from that.

I feel good that not only did we see and hear a lot and really soak in the adrenaline that New York City provides (one finally got to see a musical!), but it came with an equally energizing dose of learning.

A future sports editor in the back spoke like she knows she picked the right career after listening to reporters from Sports Illustrated, the New York Times and ESPN. She said she had doubts in the past, but now more than ever realizes she made the right choice to pursue sports journalism.

For me, pride came in the fact that a San Francisco professor leading a seminar on reporting campus suicides had read our students' work from last semester on the Brian Dagle suicide. We spoke before her presentation and she allowed me a few minutes to talk about their effort at the end and pass out papers to eager hands.

As I get ready to get horizontal and unwind on the couch for a few minutes before bed, I'm reflecting. I too am energized, which conferences do. But I'm energized as much by the students energy and excitement as I am from the conference and what I learned about new social media sites and improving technological reporting.

As much as I get out of telling a good story in print, I have to say seeing inspired students and reading stories that they create is as pleasurable if not more.

-Dave Blow

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A pile of garbage is seen on campus.

Spring cleaning means pick up your trash

Winter is over. Rejoice! The sun is out, the leaves are budding, and what's up with all this garbage strewn across campus? Take a look around you. See anything that belongs in trash that could easily have been picked up, or simply thrown in a designated receptacle to begin with?

There is no reason, not one good, logical, or respectful, reason as to why any garbage, wrappers, cigarette butts, plastic bottles, paper plates, napkins, banana peels, Dunkin' Donuts cups, straws, plastic utensils, paper bags, plastic bags, cardboard boxes, aluminum cans, wine bottles, or apple cores should be found on the ground a short walk from a trash can. People, this is a small campus and we have more than enough bins to go around.

Chances are the person walking to, or from, the library thought that dropping a banana peel on the ground looked good. Well guess what banana-villain, it doesn't. It's not modern art and it will not grow into a tree and produce more bananas for everyone to enjoy. It's simply impossible in our climate. Within a one hundred foot radius there are four trash cans: one in the library, one outside Jeffords Hall, another behind Jeffords Hall by the gardens, and another on the walkway between the library and Jeffords. C'mon people! Even if you're not the one to throw it on the ground take the initiative! Throw it away.

Smokers! What's the deal? Why all the butts on campus? No ifs, ands, or butts about it, the filters will not move themselves. Please just toss them on your way to class. If you're not going to class, toss it anyway. Evidently, time is on your side. Stub them out though, or else you may light the trash can on fire. For a visual, look over the Leavenworth Hall banister. The plethora of butts in the grass is completely repulsive and just looks awful. Do you really want there to be a layer of disposed cigarette butts covering the grass?

It's more than just being respectful to our fellow students and not having them clean up the messes we make, but saving the time and energy of our grounds keepers who keep our campus looking as good as it does in the pictures. They keep the grass mowed and the gardens well-mulched. They keep the trees trimmed and the snow plowed. They actually work all day. Do they need to clean up after us? It's not in their job description to do so. Aren't we adults? Let's act like it.

Remember, there's no more snow to swallow up the junk we leave behind (not that there was much anyway). So whatever foreign object stands out in the grass, under the trees, and in the shrubs, just pick it up. Please. We have a gorgeous campus, so let's take the initiative and keep it clean.

-Anders Ax

Open house falls on 4/20, Scorpion Bowl

Spring has sprung once again, and a little earlier than usual at that. The multitudes of students camped out on the lawns between Huden and the campus center are an indication of the impending warm weather and all of the functions that come along with it.

One of these functions is, of course, the aptly-named spring weekend, a nice harmless bunch of fun activities geared towards students enjoying the nice weather. Another upcoming event that more students seem to be revving up for is the Scorpion Bowl, the biggest rugby event of the year. These two happen to be scheduled for the same weekend this year; isn't that convenient?

Well, yes and no. Another fun fact is that this weekend also happens to be the weekend of April 20. I know that many of us like to think that Castleton is the exemplar of outstanding resident life and that no one would take part in that 4/20 nonsense, but unfortunately that's not the case. I've heard more people talk about their 4/20 plans more in the past month than any academic talk I've heard from the same individuals in my three years here.

Let's have a brief recap: Scorpion Bowl, 4/20, and spring weekend are all on the same weekend. Sounds like a big bad substance abuse festival, but it's ultimately harmless because it's contained, right?

Fun fact: the campus open house happens to be during that same weekend. That adds an interesting dimension now: not only will most of campus be walking around under the control of something not their judgment, but prospective students and their families will be encouraged to be sharing the same space. This is oftentimes the only impression of a campus that parents and potential students will get.

Here's a direct quote from the Castleton web site: "An Open House is a chance to visit and discover for yourself what makes Castleton a truly special place to live and learn." Can you imagine coming to an open house with your family and discovering how special campus is on the 4/20-Scorpion Bowl extravaganza weekend? It would be an amusing thought if it wasn't founded in reality. That's what many families will be experiencing this year.

The point is that this seems to be a lapse in judgment of pretty large proportion; I understand sometimes scheduling forbids certain events from taking place at certain times, but something as glaring as this should not happen. Some may enjoy the life of ignorant bliss created by pretending that college students don't care for 4/20 and don't get belligerently drunk to watch rugby, but that is ultimately detrimental to the incoming college community.

-Nick Minarik

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Sounding Off

Quotes from Castleton Theater Arts Presents: Chicago,

March 16-19, 2012

"I believe that a lot of people like to claim that Chicago glamorizes crime and romanticizes the era because they do not want to admit that someone could really get away with murder by smooth-talking their way out of it. I think the play really shows this with the hanging of the Hungarian, being the only truly innocent person in the play, and when Roxie is found not guilty even though we see her murder Fred Casely. This is because the Hungarian was not able to get the best lawyer and her true story, whereas Roxie was able to. She was able to manipulate the reporters' views to make her seem innocent. This appears in 'We Both Reached for the Gun'."—Stephanie Deyette

"Mary Sunshine's role in the play was to be an under-your-skin kind of news reporter and her only goal throughout was to get a great story no matter what it took. She was ruthless and corrupt, just like every character in Chicago. The overall theme of the play was to display how corrupt Chicago was as a city overall, and the press, especially Mary Sunshine, was no exception."—Patrick Shaughnessy

"The story Chicago romanticizes crime in the sense that it makes all women who have been 'wronged' into murders who are excited for appearance in the paper. They make the crime life of the 1920s more like a game to stardom than a game of cat and mouse. This can be seen when the main character Roxie gets excited about making the front page and even goes on to say about her previous attempts to impress the press. Both girls feel the need to outdo each other so that they do not become a washed-out act to the public, using the jail system as their own PR group."—Joan Price

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 29
Phi Eta Sigma: Joyce Thomas: Giving Voice to Experience
12:30pm, Herrick Auditorium
Free, Ticket required
English Professor Joyce Thomas, provides a reading and discussion of her poems, along with excerpts from 2 short stories, with a focus on why we write and the value of voice for both lived and imagined experience.

Tuesday, April 10
Artist in Residence:
The Secret Life of Bees
12:30pm, Casella Theater
Introduces themes for the evening performance. Free, no ticket required.
American Place Theater Performance of: The Secret Life of Bees
7pm, Casella Theater

Adults $12
Seniors/Students $10
An adaptation of Sue Monk Kidd's best-seller, this one woman verbatim performance brings to life the coming of age story of Lilly during the Civil rights movement, as she searches for the truth about her mother's life and death.

Thursday, April 12
Tim Brookes: Future of the Endangered Alphabet
12:30pm, 1787 Room
Free, ticket required
Traditional cultures are rapidly disappearing across the globe and their language is vanishing with them. Champlain College professor, Tim Brookes vividly brings to life these languages and asks what the age of digital communication will mean for the future of the written word.

Freshman column

By Becka Roe
Castleton Spartanv

Harry Potter isn't the only way we muggles can feel magic in everyday life. I'm not talking about wizards, but more of an emotion. The feeling many try to avoid due to past experiences or fear. That feeling that ignites a fire in the heart, or brings butterflies to one's stomach. It has four letters and it's usually a word used too quickly.

"I love you." It's such a common term these days. We use the term probably more than we change our underwear. But what happens when the common term transforms into something real?

I've been dating my astounding boyfriend for seven months now and we were both so careful with the term "I love you." We waited a good month and a half before we started using it and until we both knew it was real. How did we know one might ask?

He was changing my world. I noticed that I smiled a lot more, that I had more hope, and that I actually started to believe in myself a little more. When I was with him, there was never a dull moment. He always had me giggling like a little girl, or we were so deep in conversation that we lost track of time. Not all love has to feel like this, though. Everyone is different. Some feel as if their significant other is like their best friend while others may feel as if they're the entire universe, or maybe even both. Love doesn't necessarily come right away in a relationship either.

But when it does, it lands with a bang. It can make anyone feel as if they're a witch or wizard in Harry Potter. Like they're magical and everything in the world is perfect.

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Ron Powers, the author next door

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Ron Powers keeps a curious statue perched with the crystal decanters above his refrigerator: an Emmy Award. He won it in 1985 during his work as a commentator on CBS Sunday Morning News.

In his 50-year career, Powers has been a journalist, columnist, critic, teacher and author. He co-authored "Flags of our Fathers" with James Bradley and "True Compass" with the late U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy. His television-criticism columns with the Chicago Sun-Times earned him a Pulitzer Prize as well in 1973.

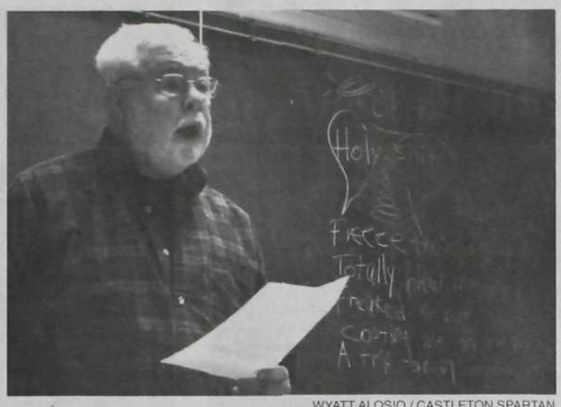
Now he is the writer-in-residence at Castleton State College.

Powers began attending Castleton events on camps after his wife, Honorée Fleming, was hired as associate academic dean. His novel "Tom and Huck Don't Live Here Anymore" is the true story of two teen killers from his and Mark Twain's hometown Hannibal, Mo. It was required reading for a Soundings event several years ago. Dean Joe Mark commented that it was an obvious decision for the college to bring him into the community, a way of honoring his career.

"The man is a classic raconteur, among other things," Mark said of his friend. By having a writer live only a mile away, Mark thought, it would seem like a missed opportunity not to have him as a part of the college.

Powers is apt to casually break into a well-honed radio voice booming with intensity, especially if talking about his first book: "The Newscasters!" He is as benevolent as Buddha, possesses an incredible memory and an enviable flair for storytelling.

He recently collaborated with several authors on a book that has "completed some very important research and writing on the early history of our college in preparation for our 225th Anniversary next year," wrote college President Dave Wolk in an e-mail.



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Ron powers addresses a class about writing and clichés

In 2006 when "Flags of our Fathers" premiered in California, Mark acquired another copy of the film as it was being released throughout the country by Paramount Pictures. There were two special showings on a Sunday afternoon.

Powers introduced the film and President Wolk thanked all the veterans present by name.

"It was just a wonderful Castleton moment," said Fleming. "I was proud of my husband being part of that."

Powers never felt he was qualified to succeed as a Twain biographer. He jokingly stated that he'd stumbled upward through his career thanks to two things: the kindness of strangers and luck.

"I've always thought of myself as an outsider," he noted. "I grew up with the feeling that I wasn't entitled. I think I got that from my father. His whole 50-year career was going door-to-door trying to interest a housewife buying a brush. He would come home for dinner and brag, 'I got in one of them prominent homes today.' I'll never forget that.

The fact that he got inside the kitchen was a big deal. It broke my heart."

When he graduated from the University of Missouri, he'd covered the

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This little piggy found his way to Vt.

By Kaylee Pinson
Castleton Spartan

Vermont State Police learned a very important lesson recently: don't let inmates paint official cruiser decals.

Vermont State officials learned on Feb. 2 that they were the victims of an inmate prank. When one worker noticed a pig carefully tucked into a scene on one of the decals of a Vermont State Police cruiser, an investigation began.

The Burlington Free Press first reported that officials called it a failure in quality assurance within the office of the Vermont Correctional Industries Print Shop in St. Albans.

Inmates in the correctional facility are given jobs including creating decals for cruisers that are sent throughout the state. The Rutland Herald reported that only one batch of 60 decals was tampered with, 30 of which made their way onto different cruisers.

Reactions to the scandal have gone nation wide, making top news as far away as Denver, Col. Castleton State College students immediately reacted on their Facebook walls, liking the links and sharing among friends.

Stephanie Perkins, a junior, looked at the image and, after a moment of studying it, broke out laughing.

"That is so funny! You don't even catch it at first, but then you look at it for a bit and there it is," she said.

Students, who occasionally deal with police themselves, universally, found the prank humorous.

"Whatever inmate did this is actually very smart. I don't know what he is in there for, but he is kind of genius," said Perkins.

"I think the Vermont Police are so caught up in the fact that they have authority that they needed this to bring them back down to a more human level," said senior Gabrielle Tamasi.

The cost to fix the prank is making taxpayers find it not so humorous though. It is going to cost $780 to fix the 30 cars affected and if any more are found could cost more, according to a press release from the correctional facility.

"I would just pay the $780 out of pocket for this, it's priceless. I bet the force is finding this far from humourous, but when they are looked at in such a bad way, they have to expect that they are going to be picked on," sophomore Tegan Donnelly said.

Visiting professor sheds light on poverty

Staff Report
Castleton Spartan

Political activist and retired professor Keith Kilty will be presenting his documentary titled "Ain't I a Person" at 7 p.m. on April 10 in Harrick Auditorium in the Stafford Academic Center.

Kilty is professor emeritus in the College of Social Work at Ohio State University who has dedicated his life to researching poverty and inequality in the United States, particularly for women and minorities.

Castleton State College sociology professor David Ellenbrook is a former student of Kilty and is responsible for getting him to campus.

"Dr. Kilty was inspiring and acted as a role model over the years for hundreds of students including myself. He always seemed to be involved in one cause or another for social justice. So it came as no surprise when I learned upon his retirement he had spent two years directing a documentary on the homeless in Ohio," Ellenbrook said in an e-mail. "We at Castleton are fortunate to have him visit with us and present his film."

Kilty is the author of more than 50 scholarly papers and co-founded, with Elizabeth A. Segal, the Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political & Economic Inequalities, a quarterly journal designed to provide a focused outlet for discourse on poverty and inequality.

After retiring in June 2007, Kilty began working on his documentary about poverty and inequality, which was filmed largely in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. The goal of the documentary is to put a human face back on poverty after 30 years of conservative efforts to demonize the poor in America, Ellenbrook said. The feature-length documentary was completed in March 2011.

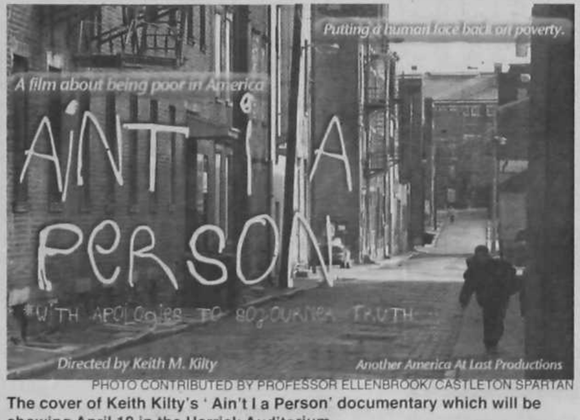
Putting a human face back on poverty.
A film about being poor in America
AIN'T I A PERSON
Directed by Keith M. Kilty
Another America At Last Productions

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY PROFESSOR ELLENBROOK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

The cover of Keith Kilty's ' Ain't I a Person' documentary which will be showing April 10 in the Herrick Auditorium

Kilty, reached by phone Friday, said he doesn't believe there is enough "awareness or concern about poverty in the U.S." He said through his documentary he hopes to help change that. He said he had had this project in mind for years, but finally had the time to pursue it after his retirement.

And while he said he still loves the written word in books and journals, he said he believes the documentary format will better reach students.

"I think students learn better with visual material than with print," he said.

All students are encouraged to attend and participate in a question, comment and answer period following the film. Social science and helping profession students are particularly encouraged to attend.

His visit, which will mark his first time to Vermont, is sponsored by the department of sociology, social work, and criminal justice and through the Dean's Lecture Fund.

Ellenbrook said Kilty will be visiting with his students in classes during his visit.

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese and Sondra Olds

How do you enjoy the warm weather?

Mark Pryzbylkowski

"Throw the football around with friends."

Chelsea Smith

"Well I sit outside more and attempt to tan but I burn."

Charlotte Terhune

"I'm a senior. I've been in the library a lot still."

Tyler Ball

"I hang out with friends and throw the football around."

Jacob Ferry

"Fishing."

Prof. remembers working with Nobel Prize winner

By Burnham Holmes
Castleton Spartan

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Professor Burnham Holmes sits reading a magazine with his former boss on the cover.

When I was leading the Castleton London Semester in 2006, we visited the British Library. I found myself wandering through an exhibit of the past winners of the Nobel Prize in Literature. And there among the famous laureates, T. S Eliot and William Faulkner and Ernest Hemingway, was my first real boss after I was discharged from the Army, Toni Morrison.

Chloe - no, no one ever called her that except her mother - Toni was the Nobel laureate in 1993, long after I had known her. I knew Toni years before she became a superstar. At that time she was just a single mother, hailing from Loraine, Ohio, an African American who got a B.A. from Howard, an M.A. from Cornell, taught at Texas Southern, and now worked in educational publishing.

I met Toni in the fall of 1968 when I went for an interview at L. W. Singer Publishing CO. I could tell I wasn't what she had had in mind as an assistant. I guessed the obvious, because I wasn't a black woman (we didn't say African-American in those days). The major stumbling block, as I later found out, was that I had been in the Army. In my defense, there had been a draft during the Vietnam era, and I had silently rebelled by wearing my hair too long and occasionally donning red socks.

"How well do you know the Chicago Manual of Style?" she asked me, after it sounded like I had the position.

"I know what it is," I replied.

"Know it cover to cover," she said leaning back, taking it off the shelf behind her, throwing it toward me. For a heavy woman, she was graceful, athletic, though she ridiculed football as a sport where men could legally pat each other on the bum. "Sleep with it, if you have to," she said.

"Yes, ma'am," I said, belying my Missouri background.

"Don't you ma'am me, sir," she intoned in her stentorian voice, a voice that commanded the attention of everyone on the fifth floor.

Almost saying "no sir," I remained mute.

Thus began my career as Toni's editorial assistant. The next morning I woke up, the light of the gooseneck desk lamp in my eyes, the orange book resting on my chest like a lover.

The L. W. Singer CO. was an educational publisher out of Syracuse, where Toni used to live, when Random House bought the company, Toni, along with Singer, was transplanted to New York City. It was in Syracuse that Toni used to get up early before her two young boys, Ford and Slade, woke up and had to be readied for school. Back in those days, she wrote on an ironing board in the kitchen. That was one reason she and Tilly Olson were such good friends: they both had written on ironing boards.

Before I knew the Chicago Manual of Style cover to cover, the company had moved across town to the Random House building at 201 E. 50th St. It was always a pleasure to tell people I worked at Random House for I could see that special look in their eyes.

There are some things about Morrison that I still recall. She was hopeless in simple math. I practically balanced her checkbook, something I didn't even do for myself. Before she figured out her hair and her wardrobe, she didn't look the part of a rising star in the literary world, but more like someone who might be taking the service elevator. (I do not say this with any disrespect or racial overtones, as I have been asked, because of my less than impressive appearance, to take the service elevator more than once in more than one building on Park Avenue.) She also had a habit of occasionally sucking her teeth, which sometimes made me feel she was unhappy with me. On the other hand, she liked pea soup and cream cheese on date-nut bread from Chock Full 'O Nuts almost as much as I did.

Slowly, her reputation grew. Over a long weekend she and I put together an introduction for a school dictionary when the professor with a long list of credentials was unable to deliver his own intro.

I would say we wrote it, but Toni did the heavy lifting; I thought up some examples and did some typing, but she developed the brunt of the 60-page manuscript.

One time, the editor in chief of the school department threatened to install a time clock because he was peeved at how some of the editors, including Toni, would arrive after 9 a.m. and read the New York Times over coffee. Toni said they worked at night and often met clients after work, and if he put up such a contraption, she would clog it by clocking in with paper clips. A silence spread over the conference room, until Toni announced she had to leave for an important lunch engagement. The meeting broke up and the time clock was never officially mentioned again.

But nothing enhanced Toni's early reputation as much as "The Bluest Eye" did. Her novel grew out of a short story she had started while a student at Howard University. At Howard, Chloe Anthony Wofford acquired three things: a B.A. in English literature, a new name (Toni was a shortened and feminine version of Anthony), and a husband, Harold Morrison. She kept the degree and the names, but not the husband. Toni and I often had a drink after work - her sweet vermouth to my draft - and plenty of times I got an earful about her ex, that Jamaican architect, that deadbeat.

Toni wrote "The Bluest Eye" on long yellow legal pads with a real ink pen and then typed it on her IBM Selectric. I photocopied the manuscript page by page on the Xerox machine down the hall.

"Hey, are you through with those pages yet?" she'd call out.

"Not yet," I'd yell back. I have the distinction of being the first reader of "The Bluest Eye," reading it while standing up, making copies of the just-typed manuscript.

John Leonard, who wrote "Metropolitan Life," the popular weekly column in the New York Times, was also one of the most influential book critics of the day and championed Toni's book from the time he first read it in galleys to when Knopf published it. Leonard helped make it a critical, if not a commercial success - one of the best books of 1970.

When Toni started to split her time between editing at Random House and teaching at SUNY Purchase, I saw less and less of her. She was also easing out of educational publishing into trade books on a higher floor, and could be seen ushering luminaries into her office, Angela Davis one day and Muhammad Ali the next. One afternoon on an elevator with the broad-shouldered Muhammad Ali, there seemed little room for Toni, Muhammad, and me. One of my best last experiences working for Toni was running a manuscript over to Jackie Robinson's midtown office and spending a good three quarters of an hour with him. Jackie kept asking me questions about myself, so I told him about how my dad's black assistant, also a Mr. Robinson, saved the life of Branch Rickey, the white general manager of the Dodgers, at a hotel banquet in Columbia, Missouri, by giving him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Jackie seemed delighted by that story. I spent so much time talking about my own life, I barely got in a question about his.

I was working on other projects by the time Toni's next book, "Sula," was published in 1973. "Sula" was a bigger commercial hit than "The Bluest Eye" had been and it certainly was a big splash, especially with the gap-toothed, chatty cleaning lady on the fifth floor. Toni had named it after her.

"I couldn't be prouder," beamed the stooped-over Sula, "if I had written that book myself."

So there I stood, 33 years later on a gray Tuesday afternoon in London six years ago, gazing up at a larger-than-life black-and-white photograph of an expertly coifed and gowned Toni Morrison at her triumph in Oslo, a person I will probably never set eyes on again, whose "visionary force and poetic import, gives life to an essential aspect of American reality."

Public Safety Blotter

3/4/12	Vandalism	Ellis Hall
3/5/12	Theft	Morrill Hall
3/8/12	Found Bullet	Leavenworth Hall
3/9/12	Intoxicated Students	Babcock Hall
3/13/12	Harrassment	Fitness Center
3/15/12	Passed out drunk	Castleton Hall
3/16/12	Stolen Money	Babcock Hall
3/17/12	Vandalism	Wheeler Hall
3/20/12	Theft	Wheeler Hall

Out-of-staters: why do they come here?

By By Lee Jacobson-Mohr and Jeremy Cohen
Castleton Spartan

The cost to attend Castleton State College is a lot higher if you're not from Vermont. But out-of-state students keep coming to the small college with a big heart anyway.

Most students say they come because they want to be at a school with a tight-knit community and one that can create very unique connections.

Kayla Miller, a former Castleton student from Antrim, N.H., was pressured by her mother to leave Castleton at the end of last year due to high tuition and fees.

Now Miller wants to come back to Castleton, but is still considering going to a school in New Hampshire to receive in-state benefits.

Castleton, however, is her first choice.

"I really like the school and felt I had a good connection with it," said Miller.

Other out-of-state students feel the same way.

"The small community feel reminds me a lot of my home town," says New York resident Matt Harmon.

Castleton wasn't his first choice of schools, but he said he has enjoyed all his four years here.

One of Castleton's attractions for out-of-state students is Killington.

"The fact that I love to snowboard and Killington was close and accessible," said sophomore John Bertrand of Massachusetts when asked why he came.

Killington also lured Mike Garceau, and even provided him a job.

"Castleton has given me the opportunity to reopen the Ski and Snowboard Club along with being a sales rep for Killington," said Garceau, who serves as president of the club.

The ratio of in-state to out-of-state students has remained consistent at about 70 percent to 30 percent, college officials said. This year, however, there has been swing of 60 fewer out-of-state students and 60 more in-state students.

"Which, if you figure $10,000 a piece, is a $600,000 difference," Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman said. "We're sensitive to the fact that it's a major financial burden on families and we are privileged to have them (out-of-staters) on campus."

Maurice Ouimet has been the dean of enrollment for 10 years. He said tuition for Castleton might seem a lot higher than other state schools, but the difference is not as much as you think.

Ouimet explained that other schools do what is called "flip-flopping" the tuition and fees, meaning schools might be considerably lower in tuition, but will charge higher fees.

Ouimet and Dikeman said Castleton may be called a state school, but it is much more than that. It is small and very diverse community that gives it a sense of a private school, but without the private school price, they said.

Student makes furniture out of instruments

By Becka Roe
Castleton Spartan

When Eddie Wilkin looks at instruments, he sees them a little differently than most do.

A clarinet laying around that most probably see as a tool to make sound, he saw a lamp – and turned it into one.

A piano he found online for sale in Burlington, he decided needed to be turned into a desk.

And an old 45 record, having lost its appeal for music long ago, he decided needed new life as a bowl, which he gave to a friend.

The senior music major concentrating in piano is currently student teaching at Rutland High School. He's the type of guy who can hear a song for the first time and almost immediately play it back on the piano, friends say.

"Music is the pure essence of life, and life without music is nothing but silence. I love giving someone else the gift of having the ability to listen to music, to get lost in a world full of auditory, and feel as if they have a safe house to be themselves," Wilkin said smiling.

But while he loves playing music, he's also handy and loves to fix things that break – which might explain his need to create furniture from instruments.

Wilkin proudly displayed the clarinet lamp to friends, which now sits right next to his bed.

"Look, it works," he said earlier this semester after he had finished it.

To make the piano, he removed the keys in a makeshift workshop U-haul van and made a few other alterations and now has functioning desk that he plans to sell to a friend.

The record bowl was born out of boredom, he said.

He was cleaning out his garage, found a bunch or records and there happened to be a fire in a fire pit outside of his apartment burning that day.

Using a makeshift tool to hold it above the fire, Wilkin dangled the record above the flames and waited for it to heat it up – not to the point of catching on fire, but to slowly melt it.

He squeezed in the sides before it was totally cooled and ended up with a bowl with a wavy top like expensive glass candy bowls.

"Here, have this," he said to a fellow music major Rebecca Scelza who was standing next to him.

"I guess I didn't realize he was super duper creative with stuff like this," Scelza said.

Scelza said she's using the bowl purely for decoration on her desk because with the hole in it it won't hold anything. However, she does admire his talents.

"I think it's great, the fact that he's taking musical instruments and turning them into something you could use everyday," Scelza said.

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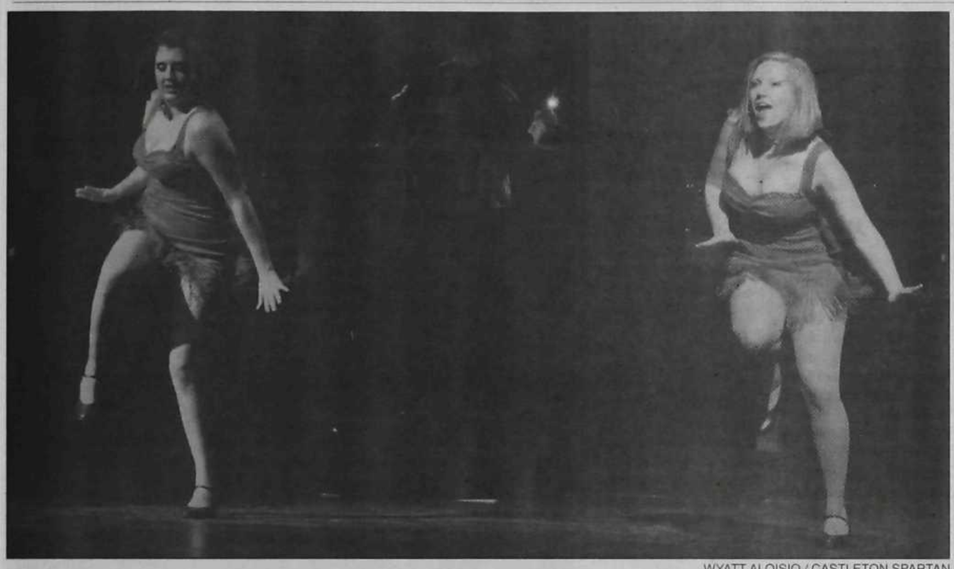
Eddie Wilkin shows off his hand-made clarinet lamp.



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Kenzie McCain and Sarah Connor perform during the finale of 'Chicago.'

Comparing 'Chicago'

By Jess Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Lies, murder, prison, sex and adultery, isn't 'Chicago' grand? Chicago, the musical, is not short on gun shots, affairs, and catchy music. Now many would say that comparing the production put on by Castleton and the one on Broadway would not be fair, but why not?

I was in New York City for a journalism conference and had the opportunity to see Chicago on Broadway. After all, some of the people in Castleton's production may aspire to be on Broadway someday. Besides our show doesn't compare too badly.

The main differences between the productions are the interpretation of some of the characters, and the costumes. On Broadway Roxie is more ditzy, but still sassy whereas at Castleton she seemed to have more attitude. Both worked well, though.

Costumes at the Ambassador Theatre were simple and black and were changed only a handfull of times. Castleton on the other hand had outstanding costumes and many changes.

Castleton's costumes were vibrant, sparkly and creative, especially during the song "Razzle Dazzle" where the scene becomes a circus, literally.

Costumes throughout the show ranged from lingerie, diapers and leotards to dresses with ruffles, kimonos, and suits These outfits added to the show and made it stand out from boring old black on Broadway.

Where Castleton really shined in the comparison was when the character Billy Flynn was doing a ventriloquist act. Castleton's Billy was singing with his mouth almost shut whereas at Broadway he was singing normally.

Our show also put death right on stage with the hanging of Hunyak, the Hungarian woman.

On Broadway Hunyak climbed a ladder that went behind stage and a noose was dropped. This seems odd. You would think Broadway would be more willing to take the risk of showing death.

Broadway did a semi-different script than the Castleton cast. Certain lines were omitted, but for the most part they were the same. All of the songs were the same and both contained dark humor. Parts of casting were even similar. Amra-Faye Wright, Velma on Broadway, was also Sheila in Chorus Line just like Castleton's, Kenzie McCain, played both roles.

These productions are very different but they are both worth seeing. But be aware the songs may get stuck in your head.

Sex & the Spartan

By MAE
Castleton Spartan

"Everyone Does it"

College is defined by sexual tension. The large majority of us have sex, love sex, or have walked in on our roommates having sex. So why don't we just talk about it? At Castleton, learning doesn't happen just in class… it happens in the library… or the gym… or the bedroom. Our generation is sex- and this is Sex and the Spartan.

Not everyone does it, but I'm pretty sure everyone thinks about it. You, your roommates, friends, teachers, parents… They have sex. With Cosmo, Playboy, Talk Sex with Sue Johanson, and the endless availability of online porn, sex is everywhere. So why is Castleton not talking about it?

Here at the Spartan, I want to encourage an open dialogue about the thing that is invading our culture (And no, not Twilight!). We have sex. We like sex. Let's be real, sex feels good. So why are we so afraid to say it?

Sex & the Spartan is meant to be an open and responsible environment to share the ins and outs of sex, in and out of the sheets.

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Review: The Used - Vulnerable ★★★★★

Lots of bands I follow are coming out with high number albums, the latest being probably the most widely-followed band.

The Used, known for their ever-angsty lyrics sung by a lyricist some would call whiny, and sound that never fails to be edgy and often creepy, just dropped their fifth studio album Vulnerable.

Much in the way of many maturing bands, they've managed to integrate aspects of their earlier releases seamlessly into this one album, although this harkens less to the early days and more to albums like Lies for the Liars and Artwork.

That last sentence will no doubt disappoint fans from the self-titled era (and some from In Love and Death), but have no fear; this first venture onto an independent record label is about as close as you can get to an all-encompassing collection of the various sounds of The Used.

They feature their obligatory ballad numbers, manage to sneak in their creepy sound a few times, and take with them—perhaps more than anything else—the straightforward rock that dominated Artwork, which finds itself in almost every track.

One thing that pleasantly surprised me is that there's an uplifting song on this album.

Sure, it's only one, but Bert McCracken has never been big on the empowerment so it's a huge step. "Shine," perhaps the only song by The Used I can say is genuinely inspirational, is my second favorite song on the album.

The best on the album is another first for this band: honest-to-goodness alternative punk rock. "Moving On" is a masterpiece that combines the tone of bands like Good Charlotte with the more gritty feel of Rise Against, and it's all wound together with McCracken's distinct singing (and yelling) voice.

In order to fully grasp how unique this is for The Used, listen to "Empty With You" from Artwork (its closest counterpart) and then this song. The difference in tone is remarkable.

I've heard a lot of gripes about "old The Used" being better than "new The Used," and if you're one of those hardcore kids this album probably won't change your mind.

However, if you're willing to accept the band's growing maturity, Vulnerable will pleasantly surprise you. Don't get me wrong, this album is 100 percent distinctly The Used. Any fan of the band or alternative rock in general owes it to himself to check this one out.

- Nick Minarik

Review: The Hunger Games ★★★★

It seems like a critically-acclaimed book can't be released anymore without a movie following hot on its heels. Twilight (oh boy) is due for its next installment sometime in the future, but Harry Potter just wrapped up, so fans of books may be wondering where to look for legitimate cinema. Well, The Hunger Games is a good answer to that question.

As a disclaimer, I haven't read the books but I saw the movie with an avid fan, and I hear the differences between the two are few and far between, and none detract from the plot. Right there you have a ringing endorsement for most fans of the books.

The movie follows the dystopian story of the young Katniss Everdean, who finds herself involved in the Hunger Games. This brutal fight to the death between 24 members of the Districts of Panem is held every year in order to keep the Districts in line through fear, which has worked well for the last 73 years; Katniss turns out to be a wrench in the gears, though.

Jennifer Lawrence was a n excellent choice to play the part. Her understated, almost plain good looks complement her at times stoic character and seem to perfectly fit the District she represents. She is a superb actor, and is able to convey many emotions through very little, which is essential to this story.

Not only was the casting good, but so was the character development in the film. This is often hard to translate from a 300-page novel to a two hour movie, but it was done very well. The special effects are also a plus. The Capitol is especially impressive, although the Dr. Seuss-esque costumes of the aristocrats may be a little too over-the-top. Nothing visual ever removed me from the action, which speaks highly of the design.

I only had two gripes: the first is that of Prim's actress (and character, possibly), who did nothing but annoyingly wail incoherently. If that wasn't enough of a headache, my second gripe added to it immensely. The camera work early in the film was horrendous, with the camera often a foot from the character's face and shaking, if not 100 yards from the character and shaking. It was an attempt to convey some kind of emotion I wasn't feeling, and thankfully it stopped less than half way through the movie.

There's a lot to suggest this movie. It manages to add feeling to a brutal concept and speaks to deeper things about human nature than killing and death. I was pleasantly surprised, and the only reason this didn't get its fifth star is because of the few flaws I mentioned and minor pacing issues. In general, The Hunger Games is a pleasure to watch.

- Nick Minarik

Speakers inspire students

ANDERS AX/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

People gather to watch the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City.

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was actually just so excited to be there, I loved the show so much.

"It's sad to think we won't be coming back."

Unlike past years, arrival to this year's conference for the nine students and their professor was on St. Patrick's Day, in New York City, where a pretty well-known parade takes place.

The mobs were crazy, with everyone fighting their way through to 5th Avenue. Eventually, you give up and are resigned to having your upper body pushed all over while your feet attempt to stay grounded.

"It went from everyone's happy and Irish to suddenly everyone hated each other," said junior Anders Ax. He grimaces and laughs as he recalled the event saying "people were very emotionally unsound, I was uncomfortable."

Talking about the trip on the van ride back to Castleton, senior Maria Arnot and others seemed inspired and introspective.

"Two of my favorite sessions were the New York Times reporter who started when he was only 22 — that was really inspiring — and the Keynote speakers from the Daily Show. Most of the presenters were pretty young so it made me more hopeful about this profession, especially since I'm graduating in May," recalls senior, Maria Arnot.

Junior Hannah Messer echoed the same feeling of hope.

"The conference gave me a lot more confidence in my writing. I know I have things to work on, but not as much as I thought. It really showed me that this is the career I want," she said.

Even the advisor of this group, David Blow, was inspired, despite saying that the fact that the conference is geared more toward students.

"We went to one session about covering student suicide. I was impressed that there was a presenter there from San Francisco who knew about our Brian Dagle issue (of the paper). That's just the power of the media right now — someone can search for these issues, we come up and there's a connection," said Blow, who passed out copies of the issue to those attending the session.

The trip was a chance to make connections, soak up the culture and to ponder the place of a journalist amongst the backdrop of the city. It served to inspire and provoke the students, connect different communities and to prove that Spartans can conquer New York City, even on Saint Patrick's Day.

Age not a factor in death race

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"I think that the race is very interesting and I always stay attentive in Weinberg's Designs for Fitness class because he is very passionate about his work and always has good stories to tell," Pinkham said.

Matt Soroka, a previous death race competitor and professor at Castleton State College, said he's interested to see how the TV show comes out.

"They interview you before and after completing an obstacle, and the script is set up in a way to make you say dumb things that don't really make sense. There is a system behind the madness," he said.

Pilgrim Studios is in the process of buying some of the rights from the duo and continuing to narrow down the search for the perfect Death Race contestants, Weinburg said. He said the first round of the casting calls consisted of 18,000 people who sent an e-mail expressing interest in being part of the show.

Then the studio cut out 90 percent in the second round where the applicants sent in a video of themselves performing random talents.

The producers are now onto the third round of narrowing the search to 100, Weinberg said.

The show's producers say "It doesn't matter if you're an experienced or first-time racer. We're looking for students, businessmen, firefighters, waiters, teachers, marines, housewives, or anyone with the determination to take on big challenges that test the limits of mind, body and will. This is not your average competition show. Your only prize is the exhilaration of the race and the opportunity to show America that you are the toughest adventure racer in the country."

"Unbreakable" will be airing on the SciFi channel in Prime Time this summer 2012, and will still be held at the Death Races' head quarters in Pittsfield, Vt. You can still apply to be a contestant by emailing unbreakablecasting@gmail.com. Include your name, location, contact info, recent photo, and a short description of why you are up for the challenge. For more info, call (818) 478-4570.

Sex and the Spartan

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My hope is that by sharing my personal stories (and some equally entertaining ones of the people in my life whom you will never know), I can educate, inform, and promote safe, but fun sexual interactions because, just like many of you, I like sex.

So while you won't hear about the sex we all know happens in those little side rooms upstairs in the library or how you may or may not have met your last one-night stand at the Dog, you will hear about some experiences with "classcest" (meeting someone hot in class), my own attitudinal changes towards walks of shame, how I think virgins are some of the coolest people in the world, and just why you would never think the girl walking in front of you is a "freak."

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Professor Brendan Lalor's class spends some time learning outside.

Results in for SGA election

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tration and the candidates to ensure that the hopeful student leaders can get their names out as much and as possible.

"I was unable to do many things around campus, merely because administration wouldn't get back to me to give me permission. I would have loved to set up an information table to speak to students about their concerns, but I was unable to even get ahold of the faculty member that grants permission," he said.

Shalginewicz, Keener and Bilodeau also won positions as class president, vice president and treasurer, respectively. There were no candidates for the position of class secretary.

Student reactions to the results were mixed. Senior Ethan Garhartt suggested it wasn't the election he was disappointed in, but the lack of involvement, despite the number of ballots cast. "Well for me, I think that we need more people involved with elections, and for me the candidates weren't that immersive," he said.

One student, a junior, Jarrod Sammis agreed.

"I'd have to say ... my initial reaction is one of disappointment. It's sad that students have to get enticed with the opportunity of winning free stuff in order to just get involved in campus elections," he said.

Other students were pleased with the election process and have become an active part of the yearly voting. Junior Stanti Schonbachler stated that the campaigning strategies this year were for the most part thorough and effective. He also thought that having ballet boxes in Huden was an extremely efficient way to cater to students and make the voting process more convenient for them.

Schonbachler was a strong supporter of Keener and Shalginewicz and was happy to see their hard work and dedication finally pay off.

"Mike is a great guy," said Schonbachler adding that Shalginewicz has long been involved in SGA and is well suited for his new position. "He's got a good head on his shoulders and might make some well needed improvements around campus."

Shalginewicz has many plans for his upcoming presidency and anticipates making a real difference.

"I hope to work hard in my new role for the year," he said.

Spring fever hits CSC

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side this past Friday.

"The students really appreciate it," said Robinson, adding that the class worked well outside. Students remained focused despite the many distractions. "I admit I enjoy it too."

With an avid love for the outdoors and gardening, Robinson embraced the weather and will continue to use the outdoor classroom when class and weather permits.

"There are a lot of years where we don't have a lot of nice days," she said. "If there's space I see no problem with going outside."

As an economics teacher Robinson, like many others, is worried about the unusual climate changes that have occurred this year. However, she is planning on take full advantage of the warm weather while it's here, as does Hartman.

"It's difficult to describe the emotion that spring in Vermont brings out in people," said Hartman. "Even with such a mild winter, I think everyone is relieved to be out in sandals again."

Powers now working on murder mystery

local high school football and basketball beat. When President Kennedy was assassinated in the fall of 1963 he knew he didn't want to write about sports anymore.

"The world that I knew vanished," Powers said. "I had to learn how to be an American citizen again."

He left the Post-Dispatch in 1969 for the Chicago Sun-Times, where he grew "intoxicated with" the ecstasy of reporting in unfamiliar and sometimes dangerous situations.

In March 1970, a radical group of protesters known as the Weathermen, bombed a building New York City killing three bombers, one a young woman named Diana Oughton.

"My assignment," he said, "was to call her parents and not tell them she was dead, and not tell them I knew anything, but sorta say, 'Look I'm just rounding up some stuff for a feature story about your daughter.' And I felt soiled. I felt 'this is so unethical.'

"That's the dark side of journalism," Powers continued. "The voyeur side. And I did it. And I think they were on to me right away, and that made it even worse."

Soon after, Powers lobbied for a television column.

Then, after four years of writing television criticism, Powers was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He specifically planned to be in California on vacation on the day the prizes were announced so that he would not be in the Sun-Times city room when he lost.

But he won.

"I thought the Big Rock Candy Mountain had come and nothing was ever going to be a problem again," he said, musing. Driving from Santa Monica into downtown Los Angeles that morning, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto played on the car radio and there were no traffic lights. "I thought, 'I'm immunized.' Wrong," he said, laughing.

He realized he'd have to be careful not to grow complacent after winning his Pulitzer. He resigned from the Sun-Times in 1976 to pursue new challenges. He quit the TV column at the Chicago Sun-Times and began writing books, his long-time dream.

Another passion of Powers' is photography. Throughout his living room Powers' photos fill the gaps of the white walls. Gardens and thresholds of Italy, places dear to one's heart. Birds swoop above the water in others.

Powers' favorite photo was taken in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The photo isn't even on the wall; it's on his computer. There's a band of light striking a creek, its dingy yellow waters revealing algae and ferns rippling in the current. The rest of the background is an impenetrable black. But there is a white crane, its wings furling open, gathering speed, preparing to fly across the creek and past the black.

After he snapped the photograph, Powers said, "That captures Kevin. That's Kevin."

Kevin Powers was three years younger than their eldest son, Dean, and had been a happy child, untroubled and an incredibly gifted and passionate musician. A year before Powers took the photo, his son Kevin tragically took his life in the throes of a schizoaffective disorder.

"If you talk to anybody long enough, you almost always find that they have experienced a loss," Powers says. "So we have tried not to burden other people with our grief. But it's there."

As he has earlier in his life, Powers moves into a new genre to add to his impressive repertoire.

His latest work, "Sam and Laura," is based upon a romantic encounter between a 22-year-old Samuel Clemens and a 14-year-old girl named Laura Wright. Though it was a chaste encounter and they never met again, Clemens dreamed repeatedly about her throughout his life and worked her image into his literature as Mark Twain. Because so little detail about Laura exists in historical archives, Powers could not tell her full story in the nonfiction genre. Powers then imagined the encounters and developed it as a play, his first. It's a project he was "quite smitten with."

"I've probably revised it 70 times, but it's fun," Powers said of the play that has been performed in New York City.

Now he is working on "Murder at the Writers Conference," a farcical murder-mystery. He and his wife have been frequently listening to Michael Connelly audio books for inspiration of the crime genre.

"But you know what? It's not really work. Playwriting is fun. I now understand why they call them 'plays.'"

Anderson returns in different role

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Cory Anderson drives to the hoop during his playing days at CSC.

By Tyler Ackley and Kyle Bennett
Castleton Spartan

Cory Anderson, a 1992 graduate of Castleton State College and former standout basketball player, is returning to campus. During his playing days, Anderson amassed a school record 1,922 points and was later inducted into the Castleton Athletics Hall of Fame.

But he will be returning next fall in a different role, filling a graduate-assistant job with the men's basketball team. He will be working under head coach Paul Culpo.

"It will be nice to be back at my old stomping ground. The school has improved greatly since my days," Anderson said. "The school is more than competitive sports now; it's the full package academics and athletics."

Current players Mark Comstock and Dummy Mustapha are excited about being coached by Anderson. Both players will be seniors next year and Anderson will become their third new graduate-assistant in their four years.

"It's a great opportunity for us being coached by such a great player, and we feel comfortable with him having worked with him during the summers," Mustapha said.

Anderson has helped with the summer camp for the past two years at Castleton, so most of the players have had some interaction with him.

"He's a great guy and an intelligent basketball mind. He will bring a much needed amount of experience and basketball knowledge," Comstock said.

Comstock said Anderson's experience at Castleton will be a huge benefit.

"We have a young group of guys and Cory will bring experience and leadership that the team could use. Anytime you can add a coach with numbers like his, it's got to be positive," Comstock said.

Culpo agreed with Comstock.

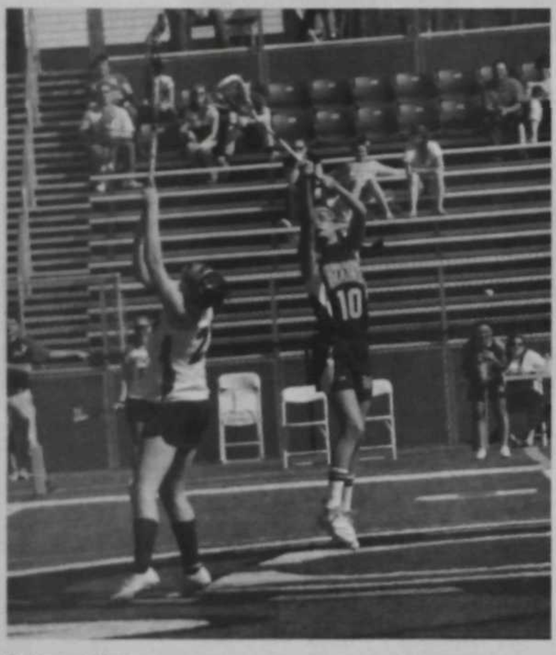
"I'm excited for Corey and for the program. He's going to do a great job for us and is a terrific people person. I couldn't be happier"

The Spartans are going into next year with only four upperclassmen, with Comstock and Mustapha as the seniors and Matt Cooney and Tyler Ackley as the only two juniors.

But what will it be like living back on the campus after he left a decade ago?

"The biggest challenge will be adjusting back to the laid back relaxing Vermont style after living so many years in the city where things are always moving fast," he said.

Womens lax 2-3 early in season



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Above: Madison DaCosta aims to shoot at Southern Maine's goalie.
Left: DaCosta tries to intercept a Southern Maine pass.

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

After making both coaching and conference changes this season, the women's lacrosse team is currently 2-3 early in its season. Mary Kate Scardillo, last year's women's lacrosse graduate assistant, who also coached the Spartans women's volleyball team in the fall, replaced coach Tammy Landon.

"I have learned a lot about being an effective leader from Tammy over the past two seasons, and we will look to build on the strong foundation she has in place," Scardillo said in a prior interview.

The team also made a conference switch this season, leaving the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance in favor of the Northern Atlantic Conference, where they will compete with Maine Farmington, Thomas, Colby-Sawyer, Husson, New England College and Green Mountain College.

"We have a lot of new teams in our schedule," said Scardillo. "We are excited to be playing a different schedule and competing against new opponents."

In its most recent play, Castleton played RPI in Troy, N.Y., where the Engineers defeated the Spartans 16-6. RPI sophomore Marissa Page scored a game-high five goals, leading her team to the victory with seven other players contributing to the victory.

In just the first four minutes of play, RPI's Meg Colitz and Julia Wright each put a goal on the board. Castleton tied the game at two shortly after when Sarah Clark and Amanda Flodstrom, who was recently named NAC East Player of the Week, each rocketed shots in the net. Unfortunately for Castleton, it only took RPI a few seconds to retaliate with Page's first goal and three more for the engineers.

Eventually, the Spartans were lacking by a ten goal difference and were running out of time. With just two minutes left in the game, RPI's Michelle Denny scored to top off the 16-6 final score.

This game puts the Spartans at a 2-3 record. Castleton has yet to play in a conference game, though.

RPI improves to a perfect 4-0 record.

The Spartans next home game is March 29 at 4 p.m. when they'll face off against Plymouth State.

CSC softball eager for NAC

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Bridget Dusha gets ready to swing

By Pete Jones
Castleton Spartan

This past weekend, the Castleton woman's softball team picked up its first wins of the season. The team played Skidmore College on Saturday, March 24 at home.

The Spartans lost the first game of the double header, 5-0, but won the second 7-2. They won both games against Cazenovia College the next day at home as well. The first game's final score was 12-4 while the second was a shutout with Castleton scoring eight runs.

Coach Chris Chapdelaine said that his players have a lot of confidence at the plate and have been doing well defensively.

"That helps us win games," he said. "Yesterday we turned it around and generated a lot of runs."

Chapdelaine is looking forward to the team's first North Atlantic Conference game next weekend against Green Mountain College.

"We've played three good games in a row," he said. "We're going to see how we do next week because that's who we're really preparing for."

The previous week, Castleton played the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, who is nationally ranked seventeenth. The nationally-ranked team just narrowly defeated the Spartans 5-4 in the final inning, proving that the Spartans can hold their own against the likes of the elite.

Freshman catcher Stephanie Sylvester described the team as having a "superstar pitcher."

"We crushed the ball on her and earned their respect," she said. "We were right with them all the way, showing that we have a lot of power on our team."

Sylvester said that she is looking forward to playing this week.

"Today we showed what we can do," she said. "We worked together making plays in the field and running off of each others energy."

Chapdelaine agreed.

"This team has a lot of potential," he said. Our players can play with anybody."

Castleton's record is 3-9, and it next plays Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute home today at 3 p.m. The team's first NAC game is on Saturday, March 31 against Green Mountain College in Poultney.

Men's tennis defeats Sage College 9-0

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The men's tennis team won its first match against Sage College with a perfect match of 9-0, improving the team's season record to 1-2.

In singles play, Castleton freshman Stew Quinn defeated Alex Cabrera 6-1, 6-0. Adam McCaffery defeated Sage's Rob Hansen 6-4, 6-2.

Chris Belanger defeated Grant Beaudin by a perfect score of 6-0, 6-0. Jeremy Reppin defeated Cory Alvarado by a perfect 6-0, 6-0, and Zac Conlogue defeated Sean Alvarado 6-0 6-2.

In doubles competition, Spartan teammates Stew Quinn and Adam McCaffery defeated Alex Cabrera and Rob Hansen 8-2. CSC's Chris Belanger and Matt Trombly defeated Grant Beaudin and Mark Castillo by a perfect 8-0. Corey Kimball and Mike Divis defeated Sage's Chris Darrow and Cory Alvarado.

Prior to this matchup, the Spartans had faced Norwich University and Colby-Sawyer where they hadn't come out as on top. Norwich defeated the Spartans 8-1, while Colby-Sawyer blanked the Spartans 9-0.

"It was tough starting out at 0-2," said Jeremy Reppin, "but we knew that our first opponents were the toughest we'd see all year."

Their next two matches are against Norwich on March 28, and March 31 against Thomas College.

"Now, we look forward to the heart of our schedule," said Reppin, "and hopefully gaining some consistency."

JOHN SHRAMEK/CASTLETON SPARTAN

Ryan Zielinski beats the throw and slides into second base.

Baseball team comes up short against Norwich

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

The clumpy red dirt kicked up from both players' spikes. The crowd rose to its feet shouting, and with only a few steps left, both players dove headfirst towards the bag, knowing the game could be on the line.

After a second's pause, everybody near the field directed their attention to the umpire crouched just behind the pitchers mound. The umpire's right hand went up in a clenched fist and he yelled "out!"

With that, groans of dissapointment filled air, and the Castleton baseball team's hope of completing a comeback was thwarted.

Castleton's Allen White remained laying on the field for a moment in disbelief as Norwich University's players erupted with joy after defeating Castleton 13-10 in game two of a doubleheader on March 25.

The Spartans, who won game one 10-2, jumped out to an early lead, capitalizing on the inability of Nowrich's starter, Craig Leverone, to throw strikes. With the bases loaded, Matt McNamee fouled out to the first baseman. With the catcher also attempting to make a play on the foul ball, Cameron Curler raced home for the game's first run.

Castleton tacked on two more just a few batters later when Macyn Clifford delivered a two-run single to left field.

With a three-run lead, Brandon Fay, who only gave up one hit in the first inning, took the mound for Castleton but couldn't hold the Spartans' lead.

After getting two quick outs, Fay ran into trouble when he hit Brandon Place with a pitch. Things only went down hill from there, and by the time the inning was over Fay had given up four hits and four runs.

"He was up and down today," coach Ted Shipley said. "He'd have a good inning and a not so good inning and it caught up to him a little bit. He's a real good pitcher, but when he's really good he's good every inning. He was just a little too inconsistent today."

After Castleton reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the inning with four runs of their own, Fay continued his pattern, throwing a scoreless third inning before running into trouble in the fourth inning, allowing seven runs.

"I thought [Fay] had good focus today," Shipley said. "But it's a tougher day when you don't have your normal warm-up routines. Not to make excuses, though, because he didn't pitch like he's capable of."

Castleton put two more runs on the board in the bottom of the fifth inning, but Norwich went back to work with the bats in the top of the sixth, negating those two runs with two of its own.

Castleton kept its foot in the door and looked like it had a chance to pull of the comeback as Ryan Zielinski singled off of Norwich's Alexandro Cardoza. With the bases loaded and two outs, White came to the plate and grounded out to first.

"It was a bang, bang play," Shipley said. "Unfortunately for us they called him out. It was a play the umpire could go either way with. It was sure close, and it's a judgment call. It wasn't the way I would have liked him to judge it, but it happens."

Castleton falls to 5-8 on the season, but it has won four of its past six games.

The Spartans will face Colby-Sawyer College next on March 28, and Shipley says the team will have to refocus itself on winning.

"Colby-Sawyer is a real good team," he said. "I think it will be a couple of close games. It will be one of those good college baseball games that could go either way. It's a team that will play better that day."

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Players scramble to the ball near midfield at Spartan Stadium on March 24.

Win against Johnson puts men at 1-0 in conference

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The men's lacrosse team earned its first win of the season on March 24 as it routed Johnson State College, 20-3, in North Atlantic Conference lacrosse action at Spartan Stadium.

For coach Bo McDougall, the win was his first at Castleton as the Spartans improve to 1-4 overall and 1-0 in conference play. Johnson State dropped to 0-2 on the season and 0-1 in the conference.

"It's exciting to get this first win," McDougall said. "Great way to start league play."

The Spartans got goals from 11 different players, but none played as well as freshman Zach Davidson, who scored a total of eight points as he had five goals and three assists.

Evan Tucker, A.J. Groot and Cam Ormiston each had three goals for the Spartans, while Brian McCarthy added three assists.

"Zach has a great mind for the game. He understands what he needs to do and does it, and that showed this game with his performance," McDougall said.

Davidson and Groot dominated the first half of play as the two of them accounted for the first seven goals of the game, including two each in the first period. Davidson was then scored three straight goals as the Spartans took a commanding 7-0 lead with ten minutes left in the second period.

Tucker added two more over a 16 second period, and Ormiston added one more for good measure to take a 10-0 lead.

Johnson's Nash Garceau scored with less than a second to go in the half, getting his team on the board.

In the third period, eight different players, including Tucker and Groot, scored for Castleton and despite giving up a goal in the period to Johnson's Alex Petti, the Spartans entered the fourth period with an 18-2 lead.

Ormiston scored twice in the last period and Petti tacked on another goal for Johnson as the Spartans won 20-3 in dominating fashion.

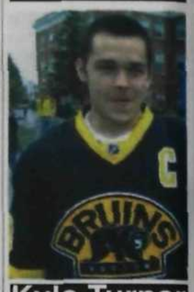
"The guys have become comfortable with each other and it has shown with their unselfish play," McDougall said. "Hopefully we can have more scoring outbursts like this one as we get to know each other even better."

The Spartans dominated all aspects of the game, taking 45 shots to Johnson's 17 and getting 70 ground balls to Johnson's 26.

Eric Horsfield got the win in goal for the Spartans, playing 35 minutes, making five saves and only allowing one goal.

Castleton will be playing Norwich at home on Thursday for a 7 p.m. conference match-up.

Sports Talk



Kyle Turner

Congratulations to both the men's lacrosse team and the softball team on grabbing their first wins of the season.

The men's lacrosse team had started out 0-4, but got its first victory in a NAC match-up with a win over Johnson State. The Spartan's defense seems to be taking form as of late, allowing just 17 shots on goal against Johnson State. Their offense is on fire, scoring 30 total goals in two games. It also does not hurt to have a freshman, Zach Davidson, being named NAC Rookie of the Week two weeks in a row. Davidson leads the team with 16 goals on the season.

The softball team also started out without a win, until last Saturday. The Spartans lost their first game 5-0 against Skidmore, but showed up to play in game two, winning of the season 7-2. Freshman catcher Stephanie Sylvester produced well offensively for the Spartans in the second game as she went 2-for-2 with four runs batted in. NAC play begins on March 31 for the Spartans, and they look to keep building off of that win against Skidmore.

There is one thing to mention.

What is with the lack of student support at home games?

Sure maybe you have something to do like homework or a job or you just are not around, but students should not just show up only for playoff games. For example, on March 17, everyone decided to party all day for St. Patrick's Day, but no one seemed to want to come show some support for the men's lacrosse game against Plymouth State. Sure some students showed up, but there is no reason that the stands cannot be packed with students, cheering on our athletes. Show some Spartan Pride and start filling up those seats in the stands.

Also, this was a while ago, but there was no cheering for the Spartans during the Castleton vs. Norwich game on February 11. The only time the Spartan crowd cheered was when we scored a goal. If you did not notice, the Norwich crowd was always trying to cheer on their team and they ended up winning. Our crowd sat back and never really tried to get our boys going. Basically, we all need to step it up when it comes to cheering for our athletes.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly this Friday where we recap all of the Spartan playoff games and give you previews of upcoming games. You can like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter at SprtnSporWeekly.

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Professor authors book about Civil War

By Chelsea Smith
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It's been about 10 years coming, but Andre Fleche is finally able to see the fruits of his labor.

What began as his doctoral dissertation has evolved into a published book, titled "The Revolution of 1861: The American Civil War in the Age of Nationalist Conflict (Civil War America)."

"Americans often think of it (the Civil War) as a brothers' war, but it really should be seen as a global event," Fleche said of his book.

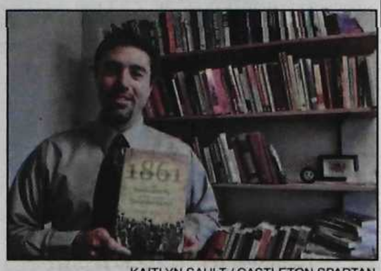
The book follows the lives of people who lived and fought in Europe for national unity in 1848. When they realize they have been stripped of and denied their basic rights, they immigrate to America in search of these ideals. When they arrive, they are instead faced with, once again, a divided country.

Fleche attended undergraduate school at Syracuse and graduate school at the University of Virginia. He began working on this book 10 years ago. It has taken five years to go through the publication process, he said.

Fleche said he got a lot of support throughout this long process, especially from his wife Meredith, who has a degree in art history and helped him to prepare pictures from newspapers in that time period to add to the book.

While more emphasis for teaching criteria at Castleton is based upon student-teacher interaction, as opposed to the individual prestige of the professor, it definitely helps to have some of your work published.

"Students respect professors who publish original work, giving them hope that they can do the same. However, it takes an incredible amount of discipline and diligence to be successful. Professor Fleche embodies all of these wonderful qualities



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Andre Fleche holds up his new book.

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Petitioning for SGA re-election

By: Anders Ax and Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Just before break, a petition written by junior Jarrod Sammis began circulating the campus demanding a revote of five Student Government Association positions in response to a recent SGA campaigning incident.

The petition read that because SGA and senior class presidential nominee Michael Shalginewicz campaigned within 50 feet of ballot boxes he, and his running mates had a

"decisive" and "unfair advantage" over other nominees.

Sammis's petition also seeks to no longer allow a person to serve as both SGA president and senior class president and that campaign policy violators should be barred from SGA elections for one full academic year.

Sammis heard about the incident from students before approaching John Aellig, program advisor to the SGA, expressing interest to petition for a re-election. Sammis said Aellig verified the incident had occurred and responded that College Court had dealt with it.

"I'm trying to do something about it," said Sammis. "It should be up to the students to decide [the court decision] because, ultimately, the power lies with the students, that's why it's called student government association."

College Court found Shalginewicz guilty of being within 50 feet of the ballot boxes in the Campus Center, but issued a warning.

"I sat down to talk to my friends near the ballot box, behind it," said Shalginewicz. "I was just sitting there talking to my friends about school, but someone accused me of campaigning."

SGA President Stephanie Terry wanted to clarify that SGA and College Court don't deny that mistakes were made this election. Because Shalginewicz was not the only student guilty of campaign violations, instead of throwing out all election ballots, College Court issued a warning to all candidates, she said.

"Almost every candidate was in one way, shape, or form, violating some form of a policy," said Terry. "The fairly simple mistakes that were made are just not at the level where it needed a revote. The thing that people don't understand is that Student Government took our policies that we had and we followed them to a T in this particular situation."

Shalginewicz and his running mates, Corrie Keener and Erica Bilodeau – elected senior class treasurer and senior class vice president re-

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Student cashes in

CONTRIBUTED BY TIM MACKINTOSH

Tim Mackintosh shows off the guitar he won from ASB.

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

Last year, Timothy Mackintosh found a dollar bill in aisle five of Hannaford. With that dollar bill, he bought candy bars to sell to others. He sold and traded until that dollar became $100.

With that $100 he bought 40 raffle tickets and won a $1,500 guitar.

Mackintosh was the winner of the electric guitar Alternative Spring Break raffled off to fund their trip to Jamaica. His initial thought was to ignore the 11 p.m. call coming from a mysterious number, but then he changed his mind.

"I didn't know the number. I was going to give them a piece of my mind," he said smiling. "But then they told me I won and I was surprised."

He jumped out of bed to tell his family his good fortune. The plan was to give the instrument to his younger, guitar loving brother. Turns out, he wasn't as interested as Mackintosh thought he would be. He decided to use the guitar as a business investment the same way he did the dollar bill.

The guitar is now for sale.

Mackintosh reminds many of Kyle MacDonald, the man who traded a single red paper clip until he was the owner of a new house. Mackintosh doesn't want homes or cars though.

"My goal is to have $10,000. Then I want to write a book called Ten Thousand and One," he says, a homage to his advancements and the dollar bill it all started with.

The guitar is just another stepping stone on his way to larger aspirations. Mackintosh plans to use the money he earns from the guitar to further his ultimate goal.

"I'm going to use that money for another cause. I'm growing money for a non-profit that I can donate to, so it will end up helping two causes in the end," he said happily.

And he has a pretty good idea what that other cause will be.

Mackintosh's older brother was in the hospital at the time fighting for his life while a disease at-

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Reflections on Jamaica

By Jess Lawrenson
Castleton Spartan

Easter Sunday I sat in the airport crying. I was in a circle with 10 other people. We were all from Alternative Spring Break. We weren't crying because our flight was cancelled or because we weren't getting home until late we were crying because we were reflecting on the powerful connections we made with each other and the Petersfield, Jamaica community.

Today I didn't have a pen on me when I needed one and I just got a knot in my stomach. All I could think about was how in Jamaica not everyone could afford pencils, so the students were literally fist fighting for them.

I have plenty of pens, I just forgot them, and all I have to do is turn to the person next to me and ask for one. No fighting, no screaming, no problem. So why do I feel so bad? Because I was taking what I have for granted. They would cherish it. This makes the Alternative Spring Break trip sound depressing, but it really wasn't -- it was insightful.

It was really cool to just be dropped into the culture of Jamaica. We lived in their homes, ate their food, worked in their schools and even went to one of their churches. It was a completely different experience, church especially for me. When my house mother's niece told me that church was only two or three hours I was blown away. I struggle with sitting in church here for an hour. But church there was so different. The first hour everyone sang, dance, and yelled hallelujah. It was a lot more lively and intense. In fact, one woman had a spiritual enlightenment. I was a bit thrown off by it because at first I thought she had fainted from maybe the heat, until I saw her on the floor having seizure-like symptoms and screaming about Jesus and the lord. If church back here was like that every week, maybe I would go more often.

Even more shocking than me enjoying church was how forward some of the people were. Each of us received a marriage proposal or an offer to make children. One day I was at the local store and a man in there said "I like you. Are you married?" He was very persistent even after I lied and said I had someone at home.

CONTRIBUTED BY JESS LAWRENSON

Jess Lawrenson hugs children in Jamaica.

The families were sweet and treated us like we were one of their own. Learning a lot about the culture and community really made this trip.

It's really hard to explain the impact, but it was the best experience of my life and I encourage anyone to do ASB.

Note: To read more about the ASB trip to Jamaica visit www.castletonspartan.com.

Don't squander your last month

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Blue leggings, pink boots, a tutu, and spiky, highlighted hair. Pikachu hoodie, black vest, mini skirt, and thigh-high boots. Converse sneakers, knee-high zebra socks, short shorts, and a bright yellow hooded towel. The fashion statements came and went past my girlfriend and me in a never-ending stream.

I don't think we're in Castleton anymore.

It's true: we were standing in the lobby of Madison Square Garden, Asian culture swarming around us, for the first ever U.S. tour of the Japanese rock band L'Arc~en~Ciel. It was the only North American stop on the trip, and no one wanted to miss out. The best part of it was, our tickets were free.

Sure, there were a few drawbacks to the trip. It was a Sunday at 8 p.m., five hours of combined travel to school—which put us at a 4:30 a.m. return time, complete with a day of work and class ahead of us. The upside drowned out all of that though: it was literally a true once-in-a-lifetime experience.

In any setting other than college, chances are we couldn't have accepted the invitation to take a five-our trip for a lesson in foreign culture and excellent music. That's one of the wonderful things about college though. While the focus should always be on advancing your education and bettering yourself, there will always be completely unique experiences available to you.

Most students look at college and see boundless freedom, which to many means a grand chance to get blasted with friends. While this is clearly a part of college culture, think about what else you could be doing during all those thirsty Thursdays and wasted weekends. There's nothing wrong with cracking open a beer and watching the game with friends or going to the Dogg for fun once in a while, but when it becomes a weekly (or more) ritual, you lose so much of what college offers.

In my last year at Castleton, I've seized opportunities to go to hockey games in Buffalo and New York City. I've attended a journalism convention in Times Square, I've seen Niagara Falls at midnight, and been to the 20th anniversary world tour of the most famous Japanese rock band of all time. All of these are memories that I will hold forever, and things that I may never get to experience again when I enter the post-college world.

I've heard the saying about living for the nights you can't remember with the people you'll never forget, which sums up a lot of college for a lot of people. Wouldn't it be better to share nights you never want to forget with the people you hold dear?

If you're graduating this May, don't squander your last month of what are arguably the best years of your life getting drunk every weekend. Think about how you'll look back on your senior year of college in ten years. Make it worth remembering.

- Nick Minarik

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Dolphin massacre raises awareness

Is a massacre of helpless animals still considered a holocaust? For years now an overwhelming number of dolphins have been slaughtered in various places around the globe. The small village of Taiji, Japan is one of the hot spots for these brutal killings.

This animal brutality was brought to light publicly in the Oscar winning documentary "The Cove" which was released in 2010. The documentary shows live footage of vast numbers of dolphins being slaughtered in a cove that they were forced into by Japanese fisherman. The fisherman stick long metal poles into the waters around the cove and proceed to bang them together repeatedly, until the dolphins sonar can no longer take it and they flee in the direction of the 'killing area'.

This massacre takes place yearly beginning on Sept. 1 and more than 20,000 dolphins are killed each time.

Dolphins are the most human-like species out there because they sense and feel pain and fear as humans do. When they are crowded in this small cove area with one another they scratch each other out of fear. Many of the post-slaughter corpses can be seen with multiple scratches on them.

After the slaughter the dolphin meat is packaged and labeled untruthfully as whale meat, then sold to supermarkets and schools for lunches. Many Japanese children have become violently ill because of this; dolphin meat contains high levels of mercury. Expecting mothers have even given birth to still or deformed babies. The Japanese people have no idea what they are eating!

During the violent hackings, the Japanese fishermen pick a select few to auction off to what activists call American 'abusement parks' such as Discovery Cove and Sea World. The dolphins are sold for up to a $500,000. When there's a demand for something the need has to be fulfilled!

The main dolphin activist, Ric O'Barry originally worked for Miami Seaquarium. He captured and trained dolphins. Dolphins are not automatic breathers; every breath for them is a conscience effort. Many dolphins actually commit suicide when they are unhappy by simply holding their breath. This happened to him when his main dolphin, Kathy, died in his arms. It was then that he realized it was cruel and inhumane to capture these creatures and make them perform so he became an activist.

It's important for college students like ourselves to know what's going on in the world around us, especially when its aftermath happens so close to home. There are many things that can be done from right here. Take the pledge to not buy a ticket to a dolphin show, tell zoos and aquariums to stop aiding the dolphin killing, sign petitions and write letters to world leaders to end the slaughter, and donate. Some colleges even have something called 'Cove Clubs' that raise awareness about these massacres.

For more information go to Save-japandolphins.org

-Martina Marchese

Sounding Off

Quotes from Phi Eta Sigma: Joyce Thomas: Giving Voice to Experience

March 29, 2012

"Life is all about personal experience. If a person journeys through time without experiencing anything significant, they must be going through the motions. Writing about personal experiences is a great way to reflect and analyze the impact of these happenings on personal perspective. Identifying which experiences have profound impacts on ourselves can provide knowledge of which events to seek out in life in order to see, hear and feel life-changing things."—Carlton Hall

"Experience is everything. As we saw today, Professor Thomas explains how writing is a window to events in your life. I remember when I was younger and standing in my backyard with my father looking at the stars. We would spend hours looking at the sky just wondering what was out there. If I could take that experience and turn it into a metaphor like I heard today, it might sound like this: 'Standing outside staring at the sky like an ant staring at the base of an endless tree, coming to the realization that this gigantic world we live in, with its vast mountains and endless plans is nothing more than a grain of sand the bottom of the dark abyss of an endless sea.'"—Jacob Swane

"My mother was in a very bad horseback riding accident while I was with her. This is an experience that I could write about because it was very tragic and it would be therapeutic for me. I wonder if there was anything I could have done to prevent it. 'The horse took off as a flash of lightning and crashed into the fence to leave scars forever.'"—Lorien Stannard

Quotes from Amrican Place Theater's "The Secret Life Of Bees"

April 10, 2012

On facing adversity:

"When I was in 7th grade my grandfather died of Alzheimer's. It was terrible to watch his memory fade to the point he didn't remember his wife. I stayed resilient by knowing he would be in a better place soon and by remembering the better times I had with him."—Sean Feenan

"I can be resilient in the face of adversity in my own life by remember that something in my life is also adversely affecting someone else's. Like Lily, I grew up seeing things in one dimension. It took until about age 16 to realize that to deal with and overcome a situation I had to see the big picture. Like they say, there are two sides to every story, and then there's the truth. Despite my emotions clouding my view I try and see through them to seek out the truth and solve the real issue for not just myself, but everyone I'm involved with."—Sarah Hoch

"My junior year in high school I was the only one of my friends to get cut from the varsity soccer team. It was really hard at the beginning, but then I eventually gained the mindset that everything happens for a reason. With this mindset I was able to still go and support them. I also became empowered to train and get in excellent shape for tryouts next August. With this strength I became the first person in my high school's history to be cut her junior year ad come back and make the varsity team as a senior." —Lindsay Kilday

"When faced with great conflicts, the easiest way for someone to be resilient is to look inside yourself and stay true to your beliefs. The only one who can help you through this is yourself. When the hurricane struck I was faced with the decision to stay home and help my family or go back to school. I know my parents wanted me to continue my education to better myself and tVWhat's just what I did and we are all better off for it."—Benjamin Murphy

"Everyone has struggles. In my own life, I've had to overcome many aspects of myself that I didn't like. Through it all, I found that my inner spirit could only overcome my fears, flaws, and mistakes by reaching out to others, as well as my inner belief in what was truly right—my sense of morality. Often, I found that lacking. Then it was up to others—the bees in my life—to show me that I too could overcome even my most difficult obstacles."—Zach Scheffler

"I grew up as an army brat moving all over the world. I have seen many cultures and places. As a child I had to adapt to different ways of life and the way I truly got through it was by staying true to myself. By becoming more adaptable and open to new things, this made me the confident, open person I am today."—Megan Sharma

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, April 18
Lilly Ledbetter: Grace and Grit
7pm, Casella Theater
The inspiration behind President Obama's first official piece of legislation, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act, Lilly Ledbetter talks about her fight for equal rights in the workplace and how her determination led to victory for the nation. Ledbetter is now a tireless advocate for change and civil rights.
Free, tickets required

Tuesday, April 24

Le Vent du Nord Artist in Residence*
12:30pm, Casella Theater
Learn about the roots of French Canadian music.
Free. No ticket required.

Performance: Le Vent du Nord
7:30 pm, Casella Theater
Adults $10
Seniors, Students $7
Children $10

One of the most loved Quebec folk groups throughout the world, Le Vent du Nord is dedicated to preserving musical traditions and delivering foot stomping music.
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Inside Physical Plant's new home

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A public safety vehicle sits in Physical Plant's new mechanic shop.

By JenniLee Mark
Castleton Spartan

Looking down South Street, past the parking lot known as "Africa," one can see the vivid red boldness of the new Physical Plant barn against the typical green Vermont scenery. This new building has replaced the dingy, dusty and decrepit Physical Plant building located near the Spartan Stadium.

The aroma of new paint and fresh wood blend together as soon as you walk in the door and explain why the facilities workers are smiling. This new, clean building provides the crews with more storage and much more space to work separate from each other. They are psyched about it, and a tour with a giddy Christine Kwolek, the custodial supervisor, was proof.

"I love it," Kwolek said beaming. "The other place was so depressing and this is much brighter and open."

Kwolek shows off the guys' new break room complete with new Apple computers, air conditioning and a large window allowing light to shine in on their smiling faces. It creates a feel of an upbeat atmosphere, something different from the old place, workers say.

"It's designed as a maintenance facility better. Everything was jumbled together before and we all walked around squinting," said Rick Wareing, the assistant facilities director. "I don't have a favorite thing. It's all wonderful."

The college's first fleet vehicle, a huge wooden sleigh, sits in the front lobby. Its chipped paint and discoloration contrasts the neutral walls and shiny new floor.

Around the corner in the conference room are yet more blueprints and designs for more improvements to the college.

All the shops have more storage space and open work space. Boxes upon boxes of tools and supplies line the walls of the shops leaving the middle open for larger equipment such as the auto shop's new lift.

The ground-keeping shop has tools hanging all over the walls and the plumbing shop has nuts and bolts in every corner.

Laurie Provin and Kevin Treadway, two groundkeepers, see it as a fresh start.

"The old one was just there. This one was made for us and it's something we can take pride in," Provin said. "It makes it seem like we're not at the bottom of the food chain anymore."

The carpentry shop is bursting with piles of wood to be cut. The soon to be conference table made of recycled wood from campus is the current project.

Bill Bunker, the carpenter, is excited about his new digs. It allows for more working area and better organization.

"It's like buying a new car. It's got that new shop smell," Bunker said taking a deep breath.

Across from the carpentry shop is the new loading dock with an adjustable lift ramp for trucks to back right into.

"It makes things easier because all the shipments were man-handled at the old place," Wareing said.

At the back of the barn is even more storage space and the most random thing in the whole barn, a popcorn machine that has been sitting around campus for years.

Wareing says they aren't too sure what to do with it yet, but someone has cleaned it up in case anyone wants to take it home.

Outside, in the barnyard, is the trash compactor and recycling bins along with sheds to house all of the fleet vans, mowers, plows, tractors, salt and sand and any other things you can think of.

Wareing, who's been working at Facilities for nearly 15 years, looks around at all of the equipment and his new work home and smiles.

"I love it. If anyone doesn't, they can leave," Wareing said chuckling.

Riquelme named as new tech. director

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

As one well respected technical director exits, a new leader takes center stage. After stepping down as Technical Director of Castleton Services, Chad Voghell has passed on the throne to Castleton senior Louis Riquelme.

The technical theater and design major, who has been Voghell's assistant for the past three years, took over the position just a few weeks ago and will fill the position until the fall semester.

Only a few weeks into his new position, Riquelme already feels confident that he can do all that is required of him on top of finishing up his senior year.

He spends most of his days answering emails, working with clients who would like to utilize the Fine Arts Center Area and assisting them with any technical needs.

"I'm 23 and have my own office and crew," Riquelme said.

"I came in as a freshman wanting to do theatre and now I help run the place!" Riquelme said.

Though the role is only temporary and the college will hire a new full time Technical Director to start off the 2012-'13 school year, Riquelme is proud to be taking the place of his mentor Voghell.

"Chad did amazing and wonderful things here and all I can do is strive to be just as good," said Riquelme, adding that he doesn't plan on trying to be just like Voghell, but will do his job while bringing his own personality to the table.

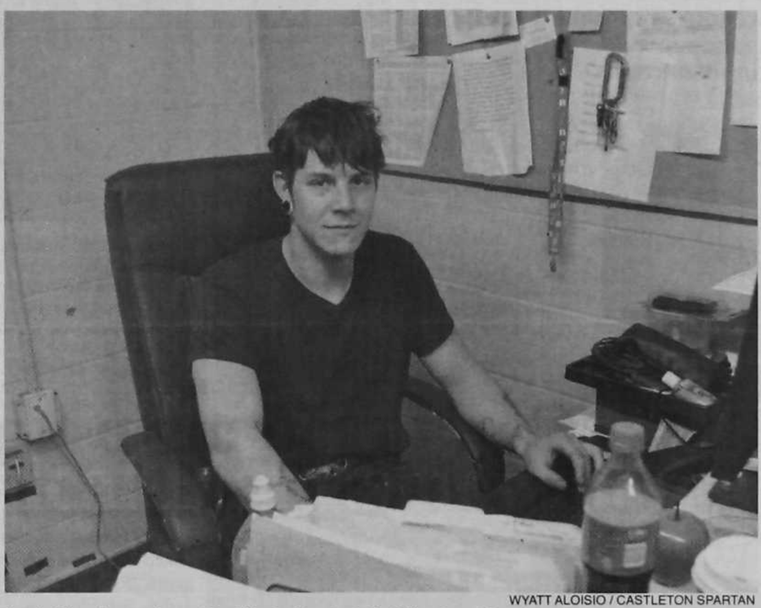
Voghell has extreme confidence in Riquelme's abilities to take over and personally recommended him for the job. After working closely together for several years Voghell feels the Riquelme is well qualified for the position and has a rare drive to succeed in the business.

"I would show him something at work, then he would go home and research more then come in with questions the next day," said Voghell. "It was exciting teaching him."

Junior John Lucas, who is also a theatre and design major, has taken on the Assistant Technical Director position and will be working along with Riquelme to make sure all events are thoroughly covered and run smoothly.

The two are longtime friends and are focused and motivated when it comes to getting their jobs done.

"Theatre is my passion and this department in particular is professional and tight knit," said Lucas, adding that the staff and crew work great together like a well-oiled machine.



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Louis Riquelme replaces Chad Voghell as technical director at Castleton.

The technical crew has adjusted well to the new changes in management and plans on finishing the year out strong with their last few events.

"It was hard to lose Chad," said Amberly Soto, a member of the Technical Services Crew, "But Lou has definitely stepped up to the plate."

Soto thinks that Riquelme and Lucas make a powerful supervisor team and will continue to work together effectively to get things done and still maintain a close friendship with the crew.

"It can be hard to be the boss of folks who were your equals just a few weeks ago," said Voghell explaining that the transition from crew member to management will be one of the biggest challenges Riquelme will face during his time as director and also one that he himself faced back in '99 when he took the position. But he is confident in his team to function as needed.

Though Riquelme admits it has been a little difficult to separate his social and work life these days since he is so close to all the crewmembers outside of school, he feels that he has earned their respect and foresees no issues.

After he finishes up his contract in September he plans on getting some professional experience by joining a traveling show, such as Disney on Ice, and tour internationally as part of their technical crew. After working hands-on for a couple years, he wishes to broaden his knowledge by attending grad school.

Voghell wishes the very best for Riquelme and is confident that he will flourish as Technical Director, as well as anything he takes on after leaving Castleton.

"He is very smart and learns things very quickly," Voghell said. "I have no doubt he will be successful no matter what he does."

A student's search for Sasquatch

JOSH BASSETT / CASTLETON SPARTAN

An artist depiction of Sasquatch from "Bigfoot The Life and Times of a Legend," by Joshua Buhs.

By Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

It was Easter Sunday and I was on top of Birdseye Mountain with only my iPhone and a video camera. I had managed to get separated from the rest of the group – while searching for Sasquatch.

My roommate and his sister decided to stay below the peak, and when I went back to meet up with them I ended on a snowmobile trail on the other side of the mountain with no way to find them.

I did the only thing that made sense, asked "Siri" where I was and headed to the sound of cars.

The whole time I was walking back, I thought about how the person who gets separated from the group always finds Sasquatch, only to be believed by no one. It happens all the time and thought it was really going to happen to me.

With that in mind, I was all excited to see one. There have been rumored sightings in the area and the Discovery Channel show "Finding Bigfoot" is even coming to the area to investigate. Every rock, every tree, everything on that mountain was scoured to see if it was Sasquatch.

Later, I found out jokes were made at my expense, one of which was that I died and they would hear a cannon and see my face in the sky. My roommate's stepdad said I looked like Bill Murray in "Stripes" running off through the woods. They wanted to leave me, but I had something valuable. No not my life, just their video camera.

I saw a lot of things in the woods that day, but sadly Sasquatch was one of them.

I found Route 4 though, and headed up it trying to find the side road where we parked. It was about a half mile up and finally I met up with the group.

It was a nice end to Spring break, maybe not the way I envisioned, but good nonetheless. Oh and we plan to go back, but next time it will be an overnight trip. After all, everyone knows Sasquatch is nocturnal.

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese and Sondra Olds

Question: What did you do for Spring Break?

Valerie Zink

"I went to Florida and went to my grandpas retirement center."

Amanda Schlott

"I went to Florida and went to Harry Potter land and Universal."

Sharon Nabaka

"I went to Georgia with the Habitat for Humanity Club."

Dillon Lovell

"I went to Nantucket and got a job for the summer."

Communications office always busy

By Bryanna Allen
Castleton Spartan

The sound of keyboards chirp as three people sit at their computers with the soft glow from the screens illuminating their concentrated faces. The air is warm and smells of worn books and coffee. A phone rings. Everyone here is busy - and it's hardly 8 a.m.

This is the Communications Office at Castleton State College and although small and tucked away from other departments, it is purring with work and projects that many students may not be aware of.

Ennis Duling is head of the department, but there are many layers to his daily tasks. He is photographer, writer and editor of many campus pamphlets and the online "News and Events" column on the Castleton home page.

"Ehhhh I really don't do that much. Nothing goes on here," said Duling through a slight grin and modest tone.

He and his team, consisting of Kate Richards and Jane Foley, have most recently been working on a Castleton Alumni catalogue celebrating 225 years of Castleton State College. The catalog will be available in the next couple of weeks and focuses on the success and events that have happened on campus over the past 225 years.

But not all of what this department does is about the past; in fact most of what is written about is about the present and future.

Enter Facebook and Twitter.

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From left to right: Jane Foley, Kate Richards, and Ennis Duling.

Kate Richards is the brains behind the social media operation. She established the Facebook page last August and it turned out to be the only form of communication when Tropical Storm Irene hit Vermont, destroying the email systems on campus.

"It was the only way we could get information out to students and parents," Richards said.

The Facebook page was an excellent way to keep in touch, she said. Maps and alternative routes were provided for students returning to campus. Weather updates went out about Castleton and the surrounding areas and "students all over the state used our Facebook page as a way to set up carpools," she said.

"It really saved the whole situation from being even more terrible during the flood crisis," Richards added, looking grateful and slightly proud of the

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Zombies return to CSC

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

The Zombie plague is returning to the Castleton campus and everyone is gearing up to start the fight once again.

The immensely popular Nerf-gun tag game that took over campus for a week last semester will be returning for a second round from April 23-27 and is set to be even bigger than the last one.

Area coordinator Maddie Hope says that residence life has been hard at work planning out the game to be even more enjoyable.

"We're closely following the rules found on the national website," said Hope. "We're also planning to have an additional event similar to the finale we had last time that we'd like to do mid-week to give to the students."

Another important addition to the game is that this time around it will no longer be limited to just students. Faculty and staff will be able to enter the battle as well.

Theater professor Harry McEnerny says that although he will be unable to participate himself, he is excited for the game's return.

"I'm too competitive. If I did compete, I can't imagine what would happen," said McEnerny. "It's a great way to break up the monotony of school work for the students, and especially at this time of year with the end approaching. It's absolutely great!"

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A group of CSC students, partaking in the event humans vs. zombies, pose for a group photo.

Sign-ups for the game will be Tuesday in Huden and Thursday in Jeffords and the Campus Center from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants will receive a waiver and copy of the rules as well as their bandana and I.D.

Can't read my p-p-p-poker face

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Students play poker at Casino Night.

By Leah Ede
Castleton Spartan

Walking through the silvered tinseled door of the 1787 Room at the Campus Center on March 29, a greeter dressed up in an elegant suit warmly welcomed you.

"Welcome to Casino Night! Play, eat, and have fun," Ashley Acuna said with a big smile.

To the right of the entrance a makeshift bar was laid out. On one side you were carded and asked if you were drinking, on the other sat a delicious display of pizza and wings.

As the room began to fill, the sounds of people's voices and the scraping of poker chips against the tables were a low hum offset by the lively music. It didn't take long for a few of the six tables of the normal college meeting room to fill. Concentration on many faces overtook excitement as rousing games of poker and blackjack began.

But there were other games too, from Jenga and craps to even a wall adorned with balloons. For every game you won, players received a ticket that they'd place in one of six cups laid out on a table, each holding a different prize. The prizes ranged from $10 iTunes cards to an iPod Nano.

Maddie Hope, an area coordinator and part of the Residence Hall Association, talked about the programs RHA put together, including Casino Night.

"The RHA's goal is to provide education to the students while still making the program interesting and fun," Hope said.

While partaking an exciting game of Jenga, Tianna Leddick, said she knew nothing about Casino night until a few minutes earlier.

"I didn't even know this event was happening tonight. I was sitting downstairs in the Campus Center when someone came down and asked us to join," Leddick said.

But while students gambled and sipped beers, there were subtle messages behind the event, said RHA member and CA Kristin Nolan.

Throughout the night, Hope would walk around the room and casually place out strips of colored paper in front of gambling students. Each slip had a message related to sex, drinking and gambling.

"The message was to model safe drinking by having a maximum of three beers. Also the program touched on gambling addictions as well as safe sex information," Hope said. "While handing out facts I saw people having serious conversations over them. They seemed to be really receptive to it."

As the night wound down, the games became more intense as players scrambled for that one last big win.

CA Pete Marcano, who dressed up for the occasion with his hair slicked back and wearing expensive sunglasses, seemed ready for the next event.

"The outcome was impressive, but overall I had a great time and would love to have another Casino Night next year!" Marcano said.

Public Safety Blotter

3/25	Drugs - Marijuana	Adams
3/26	Theft	Babcock
3/26	Medical	Wheeler
3/27	Asthma Attack	FAC
3/28	Theft	Babcock
3/29	Vandalism	Adams
3/29	Vandalism	Morrill
3/29	Medical	Morrill
3/30	Drugs - Alcohol	North
3/30	Fireworks	North
3/30	Drugs - Alcohol	North
3/30	Drugs - Alcohol	Wheeler
4/8	Racial Slur	Castleton
4/9	Drugs - Alcohol	Babcock
4/10	Vandalism	Castleton
4/13	Medical	Morrill

Students' art displayed in Campus Center

By Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

The walls in the Campus Center solarium are lined with artwork from the students in the professional studio art class for the first time in Castleton history.

Art exhibits have always been done in the Fine Arts Center or the library before professor Shelley Warren thought it would be more beneficial for all students to experience the pieces in a more public setting.

"I hope we start a new trend. Students should be able to exhibit art in the 'student center'. It gives other students the opportunity to enjoy the work," Warren said.

The studio art class students are really proud of their work.

"I'm glad to be painting," said Peter Franzoni, one of the artists.

He then went on to explain the details a particular piece and its meaning.

"The painting on the left is a depiction of the last 8 years in the middle east and the pointlessness and severity of war. Our money could've been spent better than killing millions of Iraqis," said Franzoni.

Another unique piece of work was a fish made of blunt wraps titled Culture Shock.

"Our generation would recognize it, our parents wouldn't recognize it and that's why I called it culture shock," said artist Sarah Kramer.

Artist Gina Isabelle's different techniques really stood out. She described the unique materials used to make the three sequined, colored fish and glitter lung piece.

"I really like the tool affect because it gives it transparency," said Isabelle.

Art student Chelsea Wilberg talked about two pieces of work she had on display. One of the pieces was a self-portrait and the other was a rainbow with large dots which could be raindrops or snowflakes, "however the viewer wanted to look at it."

"The dots are up for interpretation," said Wilberg.

Warren was pleased with the work of the students and the cooperation from the school in letting the display take place.

"Student life was very supportive and we are very thankful they allowed us to use the space," said Warren.

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A fish collage made of blunt wrappers hangs in Campus Center.

Students seek to 'beat' cancer

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Divisi performs at "Beat It!," an annual benefit concert held to raise money for cancer research, treatment facilities and organizations.

By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

Castleton's Vocal Unrest music group, along with several other A cappella groups from across New England, gathered at Castleton on Friday night to sing for a very special cause.

The fourth annual BEAT IT! Benefit concert was hosted in the Casella Theater and combined a night of music along with a charity raffle to raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Be the Match Foundation.

Castleton sophomore and Vocal Unrest Music Director Jessica Pierpont has been working closely with the group to give their audience a unique sound unlike other concerts.

"It's such an amazing musical experience," said Pierpont. "It's not like 'technical' music with instruments. It's something people naturally do with their body's and that just makes it so much more interesting than what you'd normally listen to."

A cappella utilizes only the voice and no instruments, with a group singing to mimic the sounds created by normal instruments.

Pierpont began the concert four years ago as a senior in high school after her father was diagnosed with bone-marrow cancer and passed away a year later. Since then, Pierpont, along with her mother and sister, have set up the event to raise community awareness, as well as funds for cancer research.

"At the time everyone in my community was dwelling so heavily on it," said Pierpont. "It was very depressing. I wanted to do something to turn everyone around and help instead."

Along with Vocal Unrest, the show included groups such as Divisi, an all male A cappella group from Central Connecticut State University, who performed renditions of "Paradise" by Coldplay, "Fat Bottomed Girls" by Queen, "Bye Bye Bye" by N'sync and other hits.

Also on stage was Burlington based A cappella group Root 7, who brought their own renditions of many songs like "Imagine" and "Bad Romance," as well as a combined version of "Rollin' in the Deep" by Adele with the Vocal Unrest singers for the finale.

"We love to sing, it's a great way to get plugged in and really channel yourself," said Divisi member Matt Hubbard. "We love being able to come out and sing for people because it will hopefully get them as inspired as we are and say 'Hey, I can do that too!'"

Many people in the audience, such as Randy Wheeler and Carol and Stewart Brock, were indeed feeling that way by night's end.

"We drove all the way here from New Hampshire to see this," said Wheeler. "It was definitely worth the three hour drive!"

"From somebody who can't sing it's amazing to see the amount of time that they put into their technique," said Carol. "Everybody has their own unique sound in the group and it must take so much practice to find every little part in a song for each person."

Vocal Unrest has been active on campus for seven years now, with the group's current lineup heavily rehearsing for events such as this since the start of the year. But for members like Isaac French, the benefit and other events put all of that practice to the best of use.

"We hadn't rehearsed or sang together with Root 7 until they came this afternoon," said French. "But it was really cool how we were able to sing with people like them and make it into a great song so fast."

The benefit concert raised over $500 and saw roughly 100 people in attendance throughout the night. In past years, the show was an open concert in which anyone could perform, but this year marked the first time it was an A cappella based event. This is a trend that Pierpont hopes to continue in the future.

"It's a subject that many people feel is important," said Pierpont. "I love music because it really has a way of connecting with people and bringing them together. Everyone involved with this worked so hard to make it happen."

Sex & the Spartan

By MAE
Castleton Spartan

"Faking it"

My freshman year I sat on the couch, watched television, and listened to my suitemate having sex. I heard a "yes!yes!yes!" then a high-pitched "ohmygod." I sat and began to wonder "Damn, why can't I have sex like THAT?"

This got me thinking. Maybe my flings haven't been that good. Maybe they actually communicate with one another. So, I asked her. Turns out, the sex wasn't all that good after all.

My suitemate told the biggest and most used lie of sex: she faked it.

CBS reports that roughly 80 percent of women are guilty of faking an orgasm. Why can't men, who experience an orgasm 95 percent of the time, use the larger of their two heads and realize what they're doing just isn't cutting it?

So I asked three men at Castleton to share their experiences. Two of them gave me exactly what I expected... "I don't know because it's never happened to me."

But in fact, it has. I've slept with both of them and faked it.

Only one of them was more rational.

"When it's real it contracts every second and eyes don't lie," he said.

Turns out, he was right. During orgasm, breathing and heart rate increases. They have uncontrollable

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Review: Lostprophets- Weapons★★★★★

In keeping with the trend of excellent music in early 2012, we have the latest release from those Welsh punk-rockers Lostprophets, who much like the last band I reviewed, are showing maturity not only in lyrics but also in sound. Over the course of their first four studio albums, they got quite a lot out of their system: the unrefined sound from their debut, the screaming and inconsistency from "Start Something," the repetitive mainstream sound of "Rooftops"—their only true international hit—from Liberation Transmission, and finally the bitter hatred and despair from "The Betrayed." The last had me worried, but have no fear, this album is a return to form in the best way.

This is the very rare album on which there isn't one song I skip. If you're a fan of the band, you can contently sit with this album on repeat for weeks. Even the two singles that followers of the band got a taste of last month haven't lost their appeal at all. "Better off Dead" has remained one of my favorites even amidst the other nine stellar songs.

Don't mistake my saying Lostprophets have matured for saying that they're done experimenting. "Better off Dead" is incredibly experimental in its fusion of genres, while "A Little Reminder That I'll Never Forget" blends the band's form of rock with a more indie sound, without ever sacrificing the distinct Lostprophets feel. Another high point is "A Song for Where I'm From," which is a smashing success in that it captures the feeling of homesickness in a heavier sound without going laughably overboard like A Day to Remember did.

I could go through each individual song and give ten reasons why they're great in their own ways, but I'm forced to highlight three standouts. There's no question every song deserves several thorough listens.

Ian Watkins described their last album as their most "raw" in one interview, and "Weapons" is a huge step forward from that. It maintains the emotional power while moving in a much lighter direction. While this album still doesn't have an individual song to beat out "Can't Catch Tomorrow" as my number one Lostprophets song ever, every song on this album shot into my top 15, which is what earns it an extremely enthusiastic five stars.

It may seem like I'm handing out perfect scores like candy, but these last few albums have earned that perfect score. If you only get to check out one album this April, make it "Weapons."

-Nick Minarik

Here it is!

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Mariah Phillips poses with her artwork during her senior art exhibit.

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Professor's book receives good reviews

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as a published professor," Castleton College President Dave Wolk wrote in an e-mail when asked how he thought being published affects student perception on teachers.

And students certainly seem to recognize and appreciate these qualities.

"I've only skimmed his new book, but from the couple chapters I read I was able to see how much his enthusiasm for the topic shines through," said Kenzi McCain, who took Felche's senior thesis class.

"It's also cool to see his work on the Civil War because so many people see him as the "Latin American" history professor in the department and many forget or don't know that he did a lot of his advanced degree work on the Civil War."

The book, published in March, has already popped up in some blogs online and received some positive feedback.

"The author presents an intelligent, well-supported position that's very convincing as he opens a new area of study," a reviewer on Amazon.com said.

The book will also be displayed in some academic journals within the coming months to be reviewed by other professors, Fleche said. When asked if he was nervous about this, Fleche responded immediately with a loud "Yes."

"It feels good, I definitely have a sense of accomplishment, but it's also a little scary. Now I'm not as anonymous," Fleche said.

Student wins guitar

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tacked his immune system. His brother has O+ blood, while Mackintosh has O- blood. Mackintosh had just finished a low carb, high protein diet and survived 30 days on juice only, which caused his blood count to be higher than it should be. This made him him an optimal candidate to give his brother his blood. He says the American Red Cross was helpful every step of the way.

Pints of blood continually influence Mackintosh.

"We were at a blood drive donating blood and he came up and asked me how many tickets he could buy for $100. After doing the math, it was 30-something, but he asked for 40 so we gave it to him because it was such a large amount of money," said senior Jess Lawrenson, who sold him the tickets.

Mackintosh knew little about Alternative Spring Break, which gives college students the opportunity to travel to underdeveloped countries and build schools and educate children.

"When I put money in, I knew there was a cause," he said.

But as he researched more, he realized just how large of an impact ASB can have.

"I'm so glad I did that. I still would have been happy if I didn't win," he said contently. "Who knows what those educated kids will be doing someday."

Mackintosh is proof that in the end, all you need is determination, a dollar and a drop of blood.

Alum returns to library

By Elicia Mailhiot
Castleton Spartan

The first thing most Castleton students do when they first walk into the library is look to their immediate left to see what student's are working. Nowadays, when you glance over, you'll see a young man sporting a tight buzz cut with a band of sharks circling his large bicep.

His name is Zachary Wiessner, and chances are his face is familiar.

Wiessner was employed at the library for the duration of his Castleton career, where he studied communications with a concentration in public relations. He graduated from Castleton last May and secured himself a seasonal job.

"I was working seasonally and they wanted me to become an executive manager because I had my degree. It was something I wanted to do, but wasn't sure," he said.

Wiessner, a New Jersey native, recently secured himself a full-time job at the Calvin Coolidge Memorial library.

"Ginger called me and was like 'hey, you wanna come back?'" he said.

Wiessner was getting ready to move out of his apartment when the phone rang, so the librarian's offer came at an opportune time.

"Instead of moving two towns over, I moved two states over," Wiesnner said laughing.

While at Castleton, Wiessner enjoyed being a part of the library family.

"I liked it when I was there. I like my coworkers cause they're mostly students and I love my bosses," he said.

Like every other Castleton student, he graduated and moved onto bigger things, but the library was always at the back of his mind.

"When I left, I wondered if they were gonna call me back for a job or something," he said.

Wiessner is happy with his position now and enjoys seeing the familiar faces walk in and out of the library.

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Zachary Wiessner places books back on the shelves at the library.

Woodruff office is hub of activity

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success.

She designs the page and decides what to include. The page is accessed by alumni, students and parents, so she adds information according to her different audiences.

"It is easy to access and almost everyone uses it," said Richards adding that the number of followers is growing at a steady pace.

This may be the most popular way to know what is happening on campus, especially from a student's erspective. But there are also other ways that these audiences can get information.

There is a catalog that is mailed specifically to the parents of first-year students. It helps parents navigate the changes and steps to be made during their child's freshmen year, Foley said.

"We are connecting parents to Castleton," said Foley, who designs these mailings every year. "We also create pamphlets for prospective students, letting them know about all of the events that take place here, such as the Santa Fe semester."

Sex & The Spartan

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facial features. Their pupils dilate and for women, vaginal and cervical cont tractions occur for roughly 3-10 seconds.

So why do women fake it?

Most of the time it's because we're too afraid to tell our partners what they're doing just isn't working. Some guys take pride in marathon endurance, but can you say chafing? Sometimes we're thinking about the 20-page paper we have due and hell would freeze over before we could relax enough to cum.

"Ohmygod" is a way to speed sex up. When we realize we're not going to climax, sometimes we just want it to be over.

I've faked it, but in the end, it only hurts my sex life. Humans are creatures of habit. If a guy thinks what he did last time was enough to get you off, he'll do it again because in his mind it worked. He won't try harder to give you one if he thinks it's already been done.

My conclusion?

It's better to be honest with your partner and have enough trust to openly communicate that your va- jay- jay is unhappy. If you're in pain or uncomfortable, say it because sending messages that you're feeling pleasure is misleading. If you're stressed about your paper, tell your booty-call to text you tomorrow because you're too busy. If you're going to make the time to do it, don't you want to get what you give?

We're on the web! We want to hear your stories and answer your questions! Like Sex & The Spartan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @SexTheSpartan.

No decision made on re-elections

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Evan Haley, Jarrod Sammis and Jaren Carpenter make their case at the Student Government Association forum on April 13.

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spectively – were shocked to learn about the petition despite college court's resolution.

"I feel it is an attack against me and the two people that I ran with," said Shalginewicz. "Because in the initial petition it only mentioned our positions."

A forum was held April 13 in the SGA office for members of the student body to voice their concerns with the election.

"We are here now to discuss the opinions of the students," said Terry opening the discussion. "Student opinions do matter. That's what the Student Government is for. If we're not listening to students then we're not doing our job."

Sammis examined the SGA handbook to get a better understanding of the policies in violation during the forum. His concerns, and those of five other students supporting the petition, involved the methods of polling and instances of misconduct such as campaign poster placement and interference of candidates in levying votes. Campaign policy states that no student may place campaign posters or campaign within 50 feet of the ballot box. It also states no student running for a position may staff the ballot box and that polling places must be open for a total of 10 hours over a minimum of two days.

"These three primary rules have been violated, to the extent of my knowledge … I think that the least controversial way to handle these issues is to hold another election," said Sammis.

Members of the SGA said they were confused by language in the petition, signed by more than 100 students, and because the College Court had already acted on the violations.

"I think that it's kind of vague and that you could agree that you didn't have all of the proper information at the time it was written," Terry said to Sammis during the forum.

Some students felt that having only 100 student signatures wasn't enough to call for re-election.

"It's only 5 percent of the student body," said Keener, a delegate of the student congress. "We can't accept it as being the feeling of the entire student body."

Dean of Students Dennis Proulx was ecstatic at Sammis's involvement.

"The fact that he's doing it is wonderful," Proulx said. "The fact that any student is that passionate about something around here that they want to raise it as an issue is great."

Though Proulx and SGA members felt that Sammis should have conversed with SGA before initiating a petition, Terry saw it as nonetheless beneficial for future students wanting to get involved with the student government.

"I think the crucial point here is to understand that if there isn't a re-vote, Jarrod did make a difference," said Terry. "He kind of opened the door for students to know that they can go against something that their student government is doing, or has done."

SGA and Terry have yet to decide whether or not a re-election will take place this semester.

Wagner drives in winning run, CSC tops Husson 5-4

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning and runners on the corners, the Spartans watched as Peter Wagner stepped up to the plate. The left-handed hitter pulled a single past the dive of Husson University's second baseman into right field, giving Castleton a 5-4 win over its division rival on April 15.

"All I can really say about that at bat was that I really wanted it. I was preparing for that at bat when we started the seventh inning and I tried to keep myself calm and relaxed during the at bat," Wagner said. "I never had a game winning hit like that in my life, and selfishly I wanted to be the one to win the game."

The walk-off win gave the Spartans their third win over the Eagles in two days, and may have set the tone for future games should the teams meet again in the North Eastern Atlantic Conference playoffs that begin on April 27.

"Everything they do with 100 percent effort, so beating a team with a work ethic like them three of four was really good for us," said Ryan Zielinski, who scored the winning run. "It was a huge series that we took care of."

Pat Riley started the game for Castleton, but did not factor into the decision as he gave up three runs in four innings. Derek Osborne, however, pitched well in relief for the Spartans, allowing them to get back into the game.

Castleton got on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning as Wagner hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-1.

After a scoreless fifth inning from Osborne, Castleton tacked on another run when Macyn Clifford took Evan Eldridge deep with a solo shot to lead off the bottom of the fifth. Joe Borowski gave Castleton the tying run when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Castleton took their first lead of the game in the bottom of the sixth when Clifford hit another bomb over the left field wall.

Osborne, who hadn't given up a hit yet, ran into trouble with one out in the top of the seventh when Dylan Foster hit a deep triple to right field. Foster then scored on a wild pitch to Kyle Vanidestine, tying the game once again.

Osborne struck Vanidestine out and got the next batter to fly out to right.

"When the pitch squeezed between the catcher's [Matt Pause] legs it was devastating because I thought I was about to blow the game for my team," Osborne said. "What was even more frustrating was that I struck the batter out on the very next pitch."

Despite giving up the lead, Zielinski was proud of the way Osborne pitched.

"That's the most hyped up I've ever seen Derek. These games brought out a lot of emotions in players, and it just speaks of how big this rivalry is between us," he said. "Derek was phenomenal, and we couldn't have asked more from him, he threw strikes and kept us in the ball game."

Nate Adams, who gave up just one run in a four-hit complete game against Castleton the day before, came in to greet the Spartan offense for the bottom of the seventh inning.

After Cameron Curler grounded out to start the inning, Zielinski came up big with a base hit to left.

"Adam's really pitched well that first game against us, and the more he pitches, the stronger he gets, so I just thought get on base and whoever was behind me in the lineup will do the job to get me in," Zielinski said.

Borowski lined out to center, but Zak Mayo came through for Castleton and extended the inning with a single to right, moving Zielinski to third.

Wagner came to the plate and ended game with a great at bat.

"Peter is an experienced player and everyone had a lot of faith in him which makes us such a good team," said Osborne, who got the win.

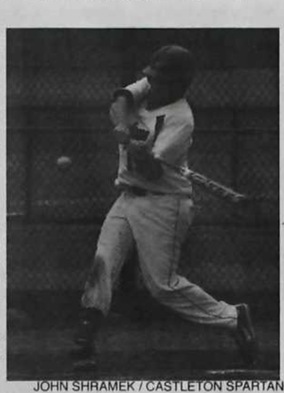
Zielinski echoed his teammate's thoughts.

"Pete has had a great year and has had some big hits along the way, no better person than him to get a big hit like that," he said. "I had all the confidence in the world he would get me in."

With the three wins this weekend, Castleton moves to 20-10 overall and 15-1 in conference play.

The Spartans will next take on Colby-Sawyer in a double header on April 19.

"Even though we won the previous two games, the past doesn't matter," Osborne said. "Anything can happen in baseball so we are treating them just as any other team and going to play Castleton baseball."



JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN
Joe Borowski swings at a pitch in a recent game.

Women's lacrosse moving forward in conference play

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

The women's lacrosse team has improved to 5-0 in the Northern Atlantic Conference by defeating New England College and Husson this past weekend.

On April 14 the Spartans faced off against NEC and defeated them by a score of 16-0. Kate Auger Scored for the Spartans three minutes into play, setting the pace for a seven-goal scoring streak. Following Auer's goal was Cori Healy with one, Amanda Flodstrom with two, Angelica Mazzola with one, Mariah Lesure with one and Auer with an additional one.

New England College ended CSC's scoring streak by scoring four goals in just five minutes. Scoring for NEC was Sarah Merrill with one, and Amanda Naimie with a hat trick.

Castleton rebuttled quickly, scoring four more in the last six minutes of the half. Flodstrom, Auer, and Healy all notched another goal, while Jessica Taplin got her first of the game.

In the second half of the game, Auer was quick to the goal again, scoring just two minutes into play. It wasn't until ten minutes later when Meredith Merce got another point for NEC. Mazzola was quick to respond, scoring her second of the game, making the score 12-5 in Castleton's favor.

NEC came back hard with four goals in 15 minutes by Amanda Naimie, Eleni Hatsis with two, and Meredith Merce.

With five minutes left to play, the score was 13-9, when Auer notched her fifth of the game, giving CSC the 14-9 lead. Hatsis tried to respond by scoring one more, however, in the final two minutes of the game, Flodstrom and Sarah Clark put the final two on the board for the Spartans, making the final score 16-10.

"We are staying focused one game at a time," said Castleton's coach Mary Kate Scardillo.

This game improved the team to a 6-5 record overall and 4-0 a record in the NAC.

KATIE AAULT/ CASTLETON SPARTAN
CSC midfielder Samantha Bonasera charges down the field against Husson.

The following day, the Spartans celebrated senior day by blowing out Husson by a score of 17-1. Mazzola, a senior, scored four goals in the game and contributed an assist.

Castleton was up 10-0 with just 17 minutes remaining in the first half. Jennilee Mark contributed two for Castleton while Mazzola added three. Auer and Mariah Lesure also scored two goals while Blake Wardwell, Flodstrom, Taryn Smith and Madison DaCosta each tallied one.

In the second half, the Spartans defense weakened temporarily, allowing Husson's Kim Gambon to put her team on the board.

It took the Spartans about 15 minutes to score a comeback goal with an unassisted goal by Mazzola. With 4:45 remaining, Jessica Potash scored the final goal for the Spartans, finishing the game off at 17-1.

"It's tough, because we play all of these teams out of conference that give us a really hard time," said Mazzola. "Once we reach the NAC games, it's a much different story."

The Spartans improve to a 5-0 record in the NAC and 7-5 overall.

"With every game we are trying to improve as well as compete," said Scardillo.

The Spartans will travel to Norwich on Thursday to play a non-conference game at 4 p.m. They have one more regular season NAC game on April 21 at Colby-Sawyer.

Men's lacrosse sweeps pair of weekend conference games

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

The Castleton State College lacrosse team swept its weekend set of games with a 17-12 win over Husson on April 14 and a 10-8 win over Maine Maritime the following day.

The Spartans used a 6-1 run against Husson in the third period to run away with the game. During the stretch, five different Spartans tallied a goal, including a pair from A.J. Groot.

Nohea King led the way for the Spartans, garnering a season-high six points on four goals and two assists. Also, Zach Davidson had himself a day with four goals, and Groot added two goals and two assists.

Castleton ripped off 37 shots over the course of the game, slightly more than the 33 shots by Husson. Husson, though, grabbed the edge in face-offs, winning 17 out of 32 attempts.

Eric Horsfield made eight saves for the Spartans in the win.

On Sunday against Maine Maritime, Castleton went on a 4-1 run in the second period to take control of a tightly contested game.

Trailing 4-2 after ten minutes of the game, the Spartans used their 4-1 run plus a fifth goal that was scored in the first period to go into halftime with a 7-5 lead.

The Spartans didn't look back after those goals, scoring three goals in the second half to take home a 10-8 win.

Alex Green and Groot led the Spartans charge with two goals and one assist each.

Although the Spartans were out shot by Maine Maritime 32-27, they gathered more ground balls then Maine, 39-34.

Eric Horsfield made 12 saves in the win for the Spartans.

With the two wins over the weekend, the Spartans improve their overall record to 7-7, but more importantly, they improve to 6-1 in the North Atlantic Conference.

Castleton's next game is on Wednesday when it will host opponent SUNY Cobleskill in a non-conference matchup.

PHOTO BY EMMA RUDNICK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN
Castleton senior, Brian McCarthy, breaks through Maine Maritime defense in this weekends game.

JOHN SHRAMEK/CASTLETON SPARTAN

Mazzola looks to pass as a Husson defender guards her at Sundays game.

Mazzola scores 100 career goals

Angelica Mazzola

By Hannah Messer
Castleton Spartan

As the morning began, Angelica "Anjay" Mazzola cooked herself breakfast in her home in Long Island.

At the young age of just 12, she began cooking the eggs for herself, as the rest of her family awakens. Known as "the breakfast chef" of her family, she would take requests to cook for her parents and two sisters. At that time, the family chef wasn't thinking about where she would be a decade later.

Now, in the midst of her senior year at Castleton, Mazzola, a captain on the team, has reached milestone in her career at Castleton by becoming only the seventh player in program history to break 100 career goals. The program is now in it's 30th season.

On April 7 as the Spartans took on Maine Farmington, Mazzola was just three goals away from breaking 100.

"I really didn't try and stress on it," said Mazzola, "but it was really hard trying to not let it effect me."

With 22 minutes remaining in the first half, Mazzola broke 100.

"When I scored, I tried to not make a big deal of it, like nothing ever happened," said Mazzola.

However, teammate Jessica Taplin made it known, announcing to the referee that it was her 100th goal. Mazzola received the game ball signed by every one of her teammates to keep as memorabilia.

"It was really nice not to always have people reminding me and counting down after every goal I scored as I approached it," Mazzola said.

As of right now, Mazzola has 107 goals in her four years at Castleton. The Long Island native also has several other accomplishments under her belt.

In 2010, her sophomore year, she was named to the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance All-Conference Second Team. She finished fifth in goals with 25 and fifth in points with 38.

She was also named the team's MVP. In 2011, she was forth on the team in assists with 12, second in draw controls with 59 and third on the team in points with 48. She was named to the NEWLA All-Conference Second Team again too.

"She has been an integral part of our team since I have been at Castleton," said head coach Mary Kate Scardillo. "She's the anchor to our team. She raises our level both on the field and off."

Scardillo is in her first season as head coach after being the graduate assistant for the Spartan team last season.

As dedicated as she is to athletics, she may be even more dedicated to her studies.

She is graduating in May with a double major in Health Science and Biology. Her goal is to eventually apply to medical school.

"I'm a big science nerd," Mazzola said laughing. "I just really like anatomy and physiology."

The science nerd also has an obsession with rap sensation Nicki Minaj and a secret love for Edward Cullen.

"I'm not a twi-hard, I swear," Mazzola said laughing, defending herself.

The 12-year-old breakfast cook still maintains her love for cooking as well.

"She's always cooking really yummy meals," said roommate Meaghan Heuer. "She's a really good cook."

Mazzola's favorite meal to prepare is eggplant parmesan.

She said she also likes cooking a lot of Italian food since she is 100 percent Italian.

"Ever since I was little, my mom taught me how to cook," said Mazzola. "It's an Italian thing."

Mazzola's family also shares a love for Castleton. Her oldest sister, Francesca, graduated from Castleton when Anjay was just a freshman. Her younger sister, Ally, just transferred to Castleton in the second semester of her freshman year.

"People are a lot nicer around here," said Anjay laughing. "It's a lot less congested than Long Island, it's a totally different feel, and I like that."

After graduating, Mazzola plans to stay around Castleton to give herself time to adjust and time to figure out the next step, with her goal of med school in mind.

"Anjay has been such a great leader ever since I was a freshman," said junior teammate Charlotte Farrell. "She's one of the nicest girls I know, and I've always looked up to her."

Despite graduating and moving on to the next chapter of her life, she will always be part of the women's lacrosse history.

"She continually makes an impression on the women's lacrosse program," said Scardillo. "She will be remembered by her spirit, work-ethic and care for others."

Spartans crush the Beavers

KATIE SAULT / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Bridget Dusha focuses on the ball as she follows through with her swing.

By Peter Jones
Castleton Spartan

On Sunday, April 15 the Castleton softball team swept the University of Maine at Farmington in a double-header, winning the first game 8-1 and the second 6-0. The Spartans are now ranked first in the Northern Atlantic Conference.

Junior Emily Sweeney pitched the first game and caught a pop fly in the seventh inning to end the game.

"Our teamwork has improved tremendously over the past couple weeks. I also think our dedication to the sport has helped us a lot. We stay after practice and people are actually focusing on trying to get better," she said. "We can't be cocky, we have to be confident. I mean anything can happen, a game can go any way."

Junior Taylor Lively pitched the second game and held the Beavers scoreless with the help of her outfield.

In the sixth inning Margy Kerschner fielded a grounder at third base and threw a runner out at second. In turn Mercedes Maltbie fired the ball to Caitlin Probst to complete the double play at first base, ending the inning.

Lively said that this is the first winning season the team has had since 2005.

"We really struggled hitting in the past few years that we've been here, and this year we're coming together as a team more," she said.

Assistant coach Bridgette Olson thinks that the team has a good shot at taking the NAC title this season.

"They're all working together, they're all gelling. The hitting is getting timely, and the pitching is being dominant, and we're just rolling with it," she said. "We're pretty much writing history as we go along because we haven't been number one since I've played here. It's a great feeling to be on top for a little while."

Olson started coaching the Spartans in 2005 and played as shortstop for the team the four years before that.

The Spartans play their final NAC game on Saturday, April 21 at Johnson State College. If they remain seeded first, they will host the NAC playoffs at Castleton's home field.

Sports Talk

Kyle Turner

The success for Castleton State College Athletics just seems to be contagious. The baseball, softball and women's lacrosse teams are all in first place in the North Atlantic Conference. The men's lacrosse team is in second place, and the men's tennis team is in third, but not far behind Johnson State and first place Colby-Sawyer.

After splitting the first doubleheader with Husson last Friday, the Spartans took back-to-back games at home on Saturday. The Spartans won the first game 11-6. Macyn Clifford hit two home runs in the second game to lead the Spartans to the thrilling 5-4 victory over the Eagles. With those wins, the Spartans move into a virtual tie for first place in the NAC with Thomas College.

After sweeping doubleheaders against Thomas and Maine-Farmington, the Spartan softball team leads the NAC with a record of 10-1. With the Spartans' bats coming alive as of late and having Taylor Lively pitch shutout after shutout, there is no reason the Spartans should not win the NAC title. After being picked to finish fourth in the 2012 NAC coaches poll, the Spartans have so far exceeded expectations and continue to impress.

Going into the game against Norwich tomorrow at 4 p.m., the women's lacrosse team has won five straight and remains perfect in conference play. Despite not having any players in the top five in the NAC for goals, assists or points, the Spartans remain first in the conference with a 5-0 record. When your team has no player in the top five for goals, assists or points and has thus far outscored conference opponents by a total of 94 to 25, then you know that you are the true definition of a team.

Last, but not least the men's lacrosse team has been almost perfect in conference play with their only loss coming at the hands of New England College, who currently sits in first place. Heading into today's game with SUNY-Cobleskill, the Spartans have won six of their last seven games. Freshman Zach Davidson currently leads the team and conference in assists with 34 and points with 66.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly this Friday where we recap all of the Spartan playoff games and give you previews of upcoming games. You can like us on Facebook at Spartan Sports Weekly and can also follow us on Twitter: @SprtnSporWeekly.

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Sodexo promises more on the menu

By Courtney Parker
Castleton Spartan

When walking through the doors of the UVM dining halls, students are met with a sea of different food choices. To the left there is a Chinese and specialty pasta station. To the right there is a salad bar stocked with a variety of yogurts and fresh fruit, and straight to the back is the vegan station, an assortment of breads and rolls and a dessert display.

Soon, Castleton students can expect to have a similar dining experience in Huden Dining Hall with Sodexo as their new food provider.

The fine details of the new contract were worked out this week as the Vermont State Colleges came together and made a decision to not renew their contract with Aramark, which has served students food for the past 20 years.

"They came across as very eager to partner with the college," said Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman, adding that Sodexo has provided a financially better deal for the college.

As the new food provider, they have made a commitment to use mainly local foods and accommodate special needs for any students with allergies or different food preferences such as vegan or vegetarian. They will also be presenting marché-style dining said Dikeman, allowing students to see their food being prepared right in front of them.

Dikeman said Sodexo hopes to present a more fresh and personal dining experience giving students more options to eat healthy.

There will also be a take-out option available for students, allowing them to get reusable containers to take their food outside of the dining hall and meal plans with will now be able to be used at Fireside Café for daily meals up to a certain dollar amount.

In addition to changes being made to the food, there will also be renovations to Huden Dining Hall, Fireside Café and the Coffee Cottage at a cost of $1.2 million. This will include enhanced seating, adding a new entrance on the east side of Huden Dining Hall, and opening up the dining spaces.

"Sodexo is really committed to making a positive impact here," said Dikeman, "We can only hope students will see that."

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UVM students eat food provided by Sodexo.

But some on campus are reluctant about the change.

"I think Aramark was overall quite good compared to other schools," argued history professor Mike Austin.

Austin has been a teacher at Castleton for over 30 years and has enjoyed many meals in the Huden

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CSI to CSC?

By Kris Jolin
Castleton Spartan

Every semester there is a familiar sight of scuba divers emerging from the water of the Castleton State College pool. Rich Morin, the diving instructor for scuba diving courses, is now looking to bring a whole new series of diving courses to the college that would be the first of its kind in the country.

Morin is actively trying to get the criminal justice program to adopt a series of underwater CSI courses, designed to teach students how to handle underwater crime scenes without contaminating the evidence.

There are national and state law procedures on how to conduct a crime scene investigation on land, but there are no laws for underwater investigations. Morin said these courses would train divers to investigate and handle underwater crime scenes.

Morin said he is waiting to hear back from school officials on his plan. He said he's ready to give his presentation to the college whenever they are ready to see it.

Victoria DeRosia, chair of the criminal justice department, said many steps need to happen before such a program could be offered, but she's open to discussing it. She also said that Morin was asked to provide materials about the proposed course including a syllabus, which he hasn't done yet.

"We already offer a well established CSI course in our program, but the idea of a similar underwater course is intriguing," DeRosia said. "Such a course might appeal to a few of our majors who might have a specialized interest and or skills in underwater diving."

DeRosia said to date the department has yet to be able to get a mutually agreeable time to meet with Morin, in part because the school's CSI professor is on sabbatical and also because she

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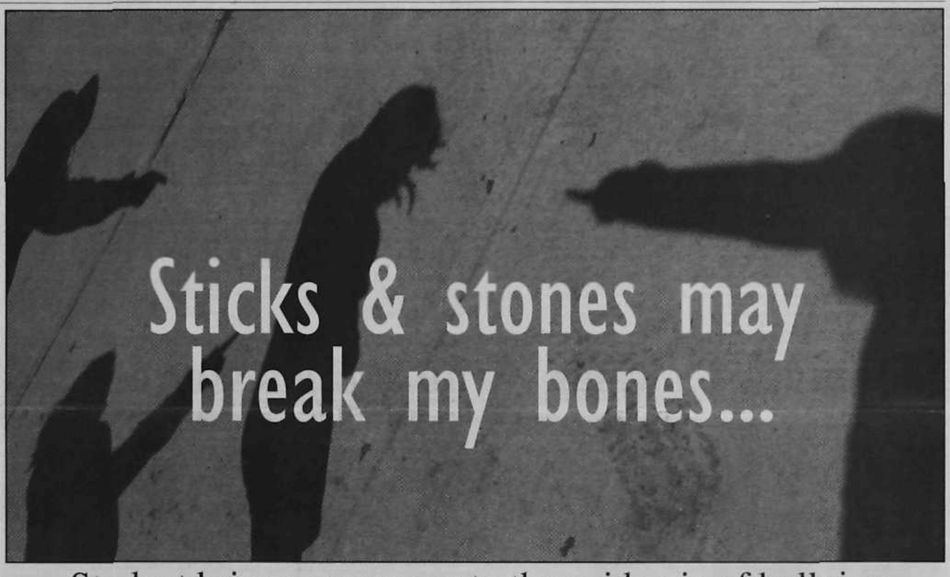

Student brings awareness to the epidemic of bullying

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Twelve-year-old Roy VanDusen stood outside the middle school showers terrified. He'd refused to set foot near them until his teacher finally told him enough was enough; he was showering with the rest of his class.

He wasn't afraid of the showers, he was afraid of the people using them: the same people who, once VanDusen finally did end up using the showers, tormented him by giving him the nickname "the uni-baller" until he left town.

"I was born with one testicle. I knew how harsh people could be, and that's why I didn't want to do it. Because someone saw that and they never let me live it down. It was really demeaning at the time. And I don't really even think I've recovered from that now," said the now 24-year-old freshman.

According to the National Center for Education, in 2009, 28 percent of students between the ages of 12 and 18 admitted to being bullied in school.

VanDusen wants that number to decrease.

He recently started a Be a STAR Alliance club on campus in hopes of bringing light to the problem of bullying in schools and helping alleviate it. The Be a STAR Alliance was co-founded by the Creative Coalition and the WWE.

"Bullying is definitely revolutionizing into this like, real-life crazy monster. Our message is to just know that it's just not right. It should be taken completely out of the school zone," said WWE star Alicia Fox in a radio interview with VanDusen.

"A big dent could be made in bullying if people were aware," VanDusen said.

Senior Psychology major Abby Nachman recently completed a project in Poultney Elementary School that dealt with the problem of bullying.

"We gave the students the Olweus bullying survey, and the weird thing is that many of them said they'd been bullied, but no one admitted to being a bully," Nachman said. "The most common reasons for being bullied were race and their socio-economic status."

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, each day an estimated 160,000 students in the USA refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers. In addition, six out of 10 American youth witness bullying at least once a day, the ASPCC reports.

"It's a real problem and it's growing every day," Fox said.

A WCAX video posted online Thursday shows *Missisquoi Valley Union High School student* Hazen Martel beating up sophomore Robbie Duelle after baiting him to fight. Mar-

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Spring weekend offers lots of free fun

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Students get their Sparty on over spring weekend.

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Despite weather that couldn't make up its mind, this year's "Sparty's Spring Weekend" was a success, organizers said.

Held in the Campus Center and dining area of the Fireside Café, this totally free event featured t-shirts for tie dying and "Sparty Cups" for first comers. The event was fast paced, fun -- and crowded.

More than 400 students cruised in and out of the Campus Center for the four-hour event that also offered free henna, caricatures, snow cones, a chocolate fountain, make your own bumper stickers, mini melts and a magazine cover stand. Many of the lines — particularly those for henna tattoos and caricatures — stretched into the atrium for a wait time of an hour and a half in some cases.

Although the lines held some people up, attendees seemed excited about the activities, the fact that they were free, and the opportunity to spend the day with friends.

"I'm loving it. My hands are kind of dyed awkwardly as tie-dye tends to do. We're just having a lot of fun, hanging out with friends and really excited about the caricatures and the hennas," junior Amberly Soto said.

But the fact that the event coincided with Open House did cause some issues, students said.

"I saw open house parents and their kids taking all the stuff that was for the students. It was just ridiculous because they were taking like four at a time," remarked student Kristen Marchese.

"All there was left were extra-large t-shirts [for tie dye]," added a disappointed Samantha Bessette.

Students Eric Dowd and Andre Coutu, who helped run the event, said it may be less chaotic and more student oriented if Open House were on another weekend.

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Students eat food provided by Aramark in Huden Dining Hall during dinner.

Welcome aboard, Sodexo!

Returning Castleton students will have a lot to look forward to in the fall 2012 semester, from the new dorm building to the change of food provider and renovations on campus. Everyone is pretty sure that New Hall will meet all expectations (judging by how quickly it filled up), but the latter is something that still garners some speculation.

After 20 years of service, Aramark is being replaced as Castleton's food service provider by Sodexo as part of a shift in the entire VSC system. UVM has already made the switch, and reception up north has been positive on the whole. There are wider varieties of food including a sushi bar, and there are also choices for those with specific dietary needs, unlike the current situation.

From the sounds of it, the improvement will be just what students are looking for.

Some, however, don't see the problem with Aramark. History professor Mike Austin took a stance against the change, saying that college students are expecting too much of dining hall food, and that Aramark has been good overall. He's been at the college for 30 years, so he's experience the entire run of Aramark's contract. Most students don't have insight that broad, so are they all wrong to be excited?

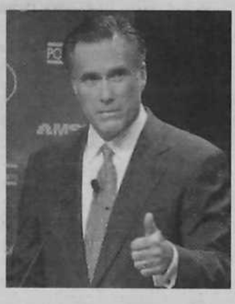
The easy answer is no. While it's true none of the students have the wider picture, the food service is here to cater to exactly those students. The students on campus pay for board and are able to use meals in only one place, so even if Aramark's tenure has been decent in the long run, it's not quite what students should get for their money. Many students (myself included) are herded into one of the same four choices daily, and it's hard to imagine what students with specific food allergies go through trying to eat at the dining hall.

The discontent in the student body is understandable, and while the expectations are high, it seems like Sodexo will meet them head-on. Now that the contract has been worked out in detail, it seems like the upcoming semester will see a completely new face on Huden Dining Hall, maybe one that won't be complained about.

One thing Aramark has been very good at is hiring pleasant individuals, and we at the Spartan hope that they can be easily transferred over to Sodexo. All the focus on the provider change could take away from their individual situations, and that's not what any of the students want. The friendly faces should stay; the food is what needs a change.

-Nick Minarik

Obama v. Romney - who is the lesser evil?



For Mitt Romney, it's now essentially official. He's the Republican Party's guy. The question is can he defeat Obama and become our next president? And is he even the best option?

Out of all the Republican candidates including Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Jon Huntsman, Herman Cain and Michelle Bachmann, Romney seemed like the best option.

He had run before. People are familiar with him. He's a former governor of Massachusetts and people liked him there.

He has either been the front-runner or a close second for a majority of the race since December 2011. People assumed he was going to be the candidate and were surprised at some early success by Santorum and Gingrich.

Romney in the end simply outlasted the other candidates, perhaps because he has more money than everyone else or maybe because he seemed like the safest choice.

One of the main factors in Romney securing the nomination was how much more money he had than everyone else, especially Santorum. That will most certainly not be the case against President Obama, who currently has more election money than Romney and will likely spend just as much or more.

But because of that money, people fear that he is out of touch with the middle class. They feel he can't relate to the average American.

He has said in interviews he likes to fire people and that he also stresses over loosing his job. It is hard to imagine he would have nearly the problems a lot of Americans would have if they lost their jobs, though. If he does not win -- he will still be just fine. The same can't be said for most Americans.

That is not to say Romney is a bad candidate, because he earned his spot against Obama for a reason. Some Americans must generally like the guy and think he can do a good job. They feel he'll bring a businessman's perspective to the White House, and maybe that's not a bad thing.

Besides, Obama is not likely to run away with the race anyway. Many Americans are still out of work. Gas prices are outrageous at more than $4 a gallon in parts of the country. People are worried that government is getting bigger and bigger and so is the deficit.

Like him or not, Romney is the Republican candidate to try to unseat Obama. And like it or not Obama is trying to remain president. The choices for some are perplexing. It's almost like choosing between a root canal and a getting a tooth pulled, isn't it?

-Josh Bassett

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Bring on sophomore year

By Becka Roe
Castleton Spartan

Lack of sleep, headaches, and stress: the painful signs that finals are just around the corner. Get ready freshman class of 2015, our first year of college is coming to a close. It's time to finish this chapter, sharpen our pencils, and start a new one.

Come fall 2012, we will be sophomores and so many doors and new opportunities will be available. Hey! We're not the last to register for classes anymore! We know how things around here work and we get the chance to guide and help the new freshman.

Say goodbye to introduction classes and be prepared and ready to kick it up a notch. Next year will bring us more challenges, obstacles, and wait for it… more homework, but that's okay, we'll just put our Sparty hats on and conquer all that is thrown at us.

As for Soundings, we'll have to start paying for tickets, but that won't stop us from going to see another amazing performance like "A Winter's Tale", or "Chicago." Or those other events that either makes one's foot tap or mind ponder.

And lucky for us, we got to experience the staff that decided to leave after this year at least once. Who will ever forget Hank Vaughan's amazing pit band in "Chicago"? As sad as we'll be to say goodbye, these staff members are leaving on a good note and know that they will always be part of the Castleton family and that they will be missed greatly.

As happy as we are that our freshman year is finally over and that we no longer have to wake up to make it to an 8 a.m. class, we only have three months off until we're put back to hard work. So study for those finals then enjoy the hopefully warm and stress-free summer.

Senior column

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

For as long as I can remember I've always had a plan, and that plan has always consisted of school. Year after year I always knew what was coming next – another year of school. But now, in a little less than three weeks, I'll be done with school forever. Just the thought of it makes my throat feel tight and my heart beat faster. Why? Because I'm scared. Because for the first time in my life I don't have a plan, and I have no idea what's coming next. And that is a very, very scary thing.

I know I'm not the only senior out there that feels that way, either. Or, at least I hope I'm not. I wanted to move out of my dad's house immediately following graduation, but with the state of the job market and the economy it's not looking like that's very feasible. So I'm going to be one of those nest-returning students who goes home and lives with my dad until… when? How long will it take to save up enough money to move? How long will it take to find a real, decent paying job? These are questions that I can't answer. I don't think I'll be able to answer them until that day I get a letter or a phone call or whatever saying "hey, you've got a job."

There's a song by The Material that goes "lately I've been feeing like a bird without its wings." That singular quote is painstakingly accurate for my current situation as a soon-to-be college graduate.

I feel stuck in this weird kind of limbo state of wanting my independence and freedom, but not actually being able to reach it. On top of fear, enter frustration, and on top of that, enter sadness.

I don't know about any of the rest of the seniors, but I've been an emotional wreck lately because I realized that I'm leaving the campus and the people I fell in love with. And I don't just mean my boyfriend Nick, either. I mean my best friends, the Spartan staff, my SOS friends, my professors, everyone. I've met so many wonderful, amazing, beautiful people during my time here at Castleton, and while some of those friendships faded, I'll never forget how much they meant, how just knowing them somehow changed me as a person, no matter how minor. I've grown so much in the past four years, and it's a result of knowing and meeting some of the best people I've ever known.

Basically, I feel like when I leave Castleton I'm leaving my whole life. I know that's probably melodramatic and not true, but that's what it feels like. Because for the past four years Castleton has been my whole life. And the fact that now I'm graduating, and being forced to leave it behind is depressing and emotional and scary. Leaving one life for another life that will start some time in the indefinite near-far future is… well it's horrible.

I do apologize for being incredibly depressing. I really do. Don't get me wrong, I'm excited to graduate. Belieeeve me I'm excited to graduate, but there's something about the fear that's overpowering. I'm definitely more afraid than I am excited, and that's simply because I have no idea what's going to happen next. I've enjoyed my time here at Castleton more than I'll ever be able to express, and I'll miss it so incredibly much.

Castleton Memes

By Anders Ax
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College has its fair share of inside jokes that only a CSC student would get. How slow is the Internet on campus? Where did the waffle-maker in Huden go? On a scale of 1-10, how difficult is it to navigate North, Audet, or South House? These references, and others, have become the punch lines to a student-created Facebook page aimed at turning said jokes into memes.

Most fads blaze in popularity for an instant until collapsing into an ignorant black hole of obscurity. Beanie Babies, Tamagotchi pets, Parachute Pants, the words "boss" and "groovy" as colloquial words, are reminders of huge popularity – and then a quick death. Now, with powerful technology in the palm of our hands and an insatiable need to communicate our every thought and joke, we have Internet memes.

With their popularity, sites dedicated to memes grew out of the woodwork; www.icanhascheezburger.com features the best, humorous, 'lolcat' images; knowyourmeme.com explains how esoteric and complicated memes work; www.9gag.com features an endless supply of various photos, even entire comics that use stick-figures representing emotions; another, www.quickmeme.com, lets people build their own, making the process highly accessible for newcomers to enjoy.

The two CSC Meme administrators, who will be referred to as "Derp" and "Derpina," asked for anonymity because they wouldn't want to risk receiving negative feedback from those potentially taking offense to person-specific memes.

"We don't want it to be another one of our Facebook pages," says Derp. "We want to have it continue by itself naturally."

The Castleton State Memes Facebook page was set up by Derpina February 9. It has 49 submission from Derp and Derpina, and 32 from students. It's also garnered 505 'likes.'

For Derp, they remind him of comics, though he admits some of them aren't particularly healthy. Lolcats, Derp mentioned, with its intentionally bad grammar and spelling is "degrading" to the English language.

"I think they're all great," Derp continued. "Every time someone posts something new whether it's [Derpina] or others, I just get a kick out of it."

Derpina suggests that if anyone had ideas and requests for certain memes that they should submit them to the website.

"We can't always think of everything," says Derpina. "So if they post a request we could do that – even if we don't think of something someone can."

Derpina envisioned the Facebook page while studying abroad. If that school had a meme website, so could Castleton. After Derpina had made the page, Derp was one of the first submitters and was offered administrator status.

"I knew you'd be a great partner in crime," Derpina said to Derp.

"And lo and behold I was," Derp agreed.

Professor John Klein, psychology department chair, is referenced in one meme indicating at his resemblance to Gene Wilder (which he is absolutely aware of).

"It's actually kind of cool," said Klein, referring to the memes page.

Klein's actually supported the use of "meme-y" things in his classes, such as drawing on scenes from "Animal House" specifically to explain id, ego, and super-ego.

Some students feel entirely different about the webpage.

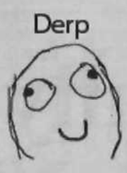
"I can't think of anything that I'm more apathetic about," said junior John Lucas. "I don't support it at all because they incorrectly use memes like it's their job."

Derp and Derpina set up the page with the best intentions.

"It's nice having those kinds of memes of our school," said Derpina. "It personalizes it."

Both of them are graduating this May, but they have complete intentions to keep the site running.

"We'll just find the right person who gets it so they can just keep it going," said Derpina.



Secrets to staying in love

By Megan Davis
Castleton Spartan

Ever wondered why it seems like some couples never have any issues? They just seem to float through the storms that knock other couples under the current.

Well, tomorrow you can find out how those infamous "perfect couples" keep it together.

"Learn the Secrets to Staying in Love" is an event held by the Wellness Center and CHANGE initiative that will feature a panel of five diverse couples from around campus, that are in healthy relationships.

Each partner will take turns answering questions about their relationship, how they handle issues, and other fun questions like "if you wrote a book about you as a couple, what would the title be?" There will also be an opportunity to have the panel answer your questions.

"Some questions might have two very different answers," said CHANGE Coordinator Amy Bremel.

Wellness Center Director Martha Coulter will be the moderator for the evening.

"Students come up to us and say they don't have relationship role models. We want them to have those role models and know they can learn how to [stay in a loving, healthy relationship]," said Coulter.

The event is aimed at not only learning how couples stay in love year after year, but also how to manage conflicts in relationships.

"It doesn't matter what relationship it is, there's going to be conflict," said Bremel.

"Learn the Secrets to Staying in Love" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Huden's Alumni room and refreshments will be served.

How green are we really?

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Students learn about energy use during an Earth Day exhibit.

By Jarrod Sammis
Castleton Spartan

Every Monday during the first semester of the academic year at Castleton, First Year Seminar Students can be seen going around campus with their advisors collecting recyclables. This activity, which became a school-wide custom in 2005, still remains with a purpose as clear as ever: to promote sustainability through recycling and energy conservation. The organization that gave birth to this concept was Castleton's Green Initiative.

With the founding of the Green Initiative in 2005 by Castleton students, the college started its crash course in environmentalism and sustainability practices. But the program still needed professional guidance to grow. That mentor turned out to be Professor Paul Derby, who first encouraged students in his "Anthropology and the Environment" class to take matters into their own hands.

Seven years later, much of the work of the initiative still remains unseen by the majority of students, even with the mass-promotions of their "Frog Sticker" campaigns – promoting turning lights off to save energy whenever possible.

"Very few people know about the activities of the Green Initiative at Castleton. It has been an ongoing issue," Derby said. "For example – everyone knows about recycling, but I don't know how many people realize that the recycling program was actually started by students."

Derby and others do believe that there is a way to bring the Green Initiative into minds of students at Castleton though – by urging students to "Do It in the Dark."

The energy conservation competition of that name, which first began on April 23, 2011, encourages students to reduce the amount of electricity used during night time. The residence building that reduces the most amount of energy from their average usage percentage wins a designated prize. In 2011, the competition was originally a week long – but for 2012, the competition began on Saturday, March 24 and will end on Friday, April 27.

Castleton Residence Life has a strong involvement in the competition, advertising it with frequent flyers among the residence halls. One of the strongest advocates for this competition is Area Coordinator Maria Marinucci, who is in charge of several residential buildings on campus – including the oldest hall on campus – Ellis Hall.

"There are different challenges with each building, especially Ellis, due to its large boiler," said Marinucci. "Another [challenge] is factoring the average out-put per student. In the challenge though, everyone can stand a chance by reducing their energy usage. It is a level playing field when it comes to these competitions."

In addition to attempts at reducing energy through programs such as "Do It in the Dark" and opting for more efficient technology such as automatic lighting, ultra-low energy consumption CFL light bulbs and motion sensor controlled toilets; Castleton also has attempted to lower its carbon footprint while on the move. Castleton State purchased three hybrid vehicles in 2006 and two additional ones in 2007. Castleton's Public Safety Department also purchased an all-electric Segway in addition to their fleet of electric golf carts – reducing the use of their gasoline-powered Ford Escape.

Despite these sustainability efforts and energy saving measures by the college, Castleton finds itself with an ever-increasing carbon footprint in addition to a skyrocketing electric bill. In 2008, the college used 5,019,249 kilowatts over the course of the year – resulting in a cost of $501,924.90.

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Get your radio voice on at WIUV

By Andrew Cremins
Castleton Spartan

Its 5:59 on a Tuesday evening and "DJ Vox" or as his friends know him, Zach Scheffler, sits in the big black chair prepping just one minute before going live on the air.

Scheffler is one of 15 DJs who take to the airway each week displaying their musical tastes on Castleton State College's WIUV radio station. This student-run station has been in operation since 1976 and was relocated into the Campus Center two years ago from the basement of Haskell Hall.

Before he started his show, Scheffler planted himself into the comfy chair turning knobs on the equipment to his right and pushing switches up and down on the enormous panel in front of him. Right before going on, he adjusted the microphone. Although it looks daunting, Scheffler said the equipment isn't that hard to use.

DJs like Scheffler seem to love what they do as they play tunes, chat on the air and look for listeners to call them up to break boredom.

"It's like a sandbox…it can be boring, but always an opportunity to have something fun happen," Scheffler said.

Students every day pass by the station with giant WIUV letters scrolled across one of the two large widows facing in multiple directions. The problem, DJs say, is that other students have very little idea as to what goes on inside.

Awareness is something that really needs to improve for the station to become better known, said DJ Zakary Mayo.

Mayo said he has had a great experience doing the shows, but said it takes a lot of work. A typical show for Mayo would consist of the first half being all about sports talk, followed by "Cinco de Mayo" in which he'd play the top five hottest songs at the time.

After that would be the "Godlewski Report," which consisted of public safety issues. The "Manley Minute" followed with relationship advice by Billy Manley.

He then would play three songs called the "Unassisted triple play throwback songs of the day." The show ended with a 20-minute trivia question where music would be playing while he waited for callers with the answer.

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R.J. Leite and David Muir talking live on their WIUV radio show.

It was a lot of work, but well worth it, Mayo said.

"Being on the air live gives me a rush," said Mayo.

Though Mayo had a great time with callers, not everyone got so lucky. Jaren Carpenter, known as "DJ Pit Malt," received a call during a recent show after pleading with listeners to give him feedback. He happily answered it, only to learn it was from his friend across the room, phone to his ear, pranking him. Carpenter said being a DJ is relaxing and fun.

"It's like being at the McDonalds ball pit," said Carpenter.

But while life at WIUV is generally happy, there are things that some say would be cool if improved. Nick Minarik, DJ and general manager of the station, said speakers will soon be installed outside the studio to allow passersby to hear their shows.

"There's always ways to improve," said Minarik.

Mike Mitrano, production director of the station, said he likes the direction WIUV is heading in, but he too said there's always ways to improve. Mitrano is known as "DJ Mouse" and serves as the station's production director. He said he wants to build on his roster of DJ's and really get WIUV going.

"Always open, anyone can be a DJ," said Mitrano. "[My] main goal is to be back to the legacy we used to be," and "win club of the year."

Campus Quips

Martina Marchese & Sondra Olds

Question: Who do you want to win the Stanley Cup?

Brandon Cohen

"Rangers."

Jenna Duggan

"I play hockey. I'm an Islanders fan, so not the Rangers, Devils maybe."

Matt Messier

"Rangers, of Course."

Tanner Palermo

"Devils."

Samantha Bonasera

"Capitals."

The diversity of the greenhouse

By Casey Battles
Spartan Contributor

The Castleton State College greenhouse is home to more than 55 plant species, many you might not believe could survive in there.

As you walk in the first thing you notice is the competing smells of various plants. Smells ranging from fresh spearmint to fresh rosemary fill the space.

Mary Droege, biology lab assistant, is pretty new to the greenhouse having been here just since September of this year. But Droege said few probably realize that the greenhouse is packed with plants we actually use on a day-to-day basis.

There is coffee and tea and pineapples and bananas are being grown in the greenhouse that students walk by daily.

Droege also stressed that the greenhouse is a "resource not only for college students, but also for anyone."

As she walked through the building describing the various plants, Droege focused her attention on the bugs and how they manage them on a daily basis. As she spoke, one flew up from the plant she and a reporter were studying. There are a couple of different methods on how they manage the bugs.

"We are taking an integrated approach to pest management. We buy other insects to eat the bad insects that cause harm to our plants," she said.

The greenhouse also hires work-study students and volunteer interns who want to become involved, she said.

Intern Devon Neary said he loves just being in there.

"I find my time in the greenhouse to be therapeutic," said Neary.

"I think the greenhouse could not only be used as a functional botanic

classroom, but a place for students to go and relax and even do homework."

Work Study student Chris Villa also enjoys working in there.

"Working in the greenhouse can be fun, and although you occasionally have to carry and hang heavy lights, it feels good to do something for the Castleton community," said Villa.

For more Castleton State College greenhouse information contact Mary.Droege@Castleton.edu. The greenhouse is also offering a volunteer summer program. Contact Deidre Esposito for more information.

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Students conduct growth studies in the greenhouse on campus.

Scholastically parental

By Martina Marchese
Castleton Spartan

At about 10 a.m. every day, the Castleton State College Campus Center is packed with students buying and eating breakfast. You hear the sound of students chatting over coffee and muffins and you see people finishing up last-minute homework or studying.

And then there's the baby screaming bloody-murder in the background.

While some might say college is no place for little children, some parents attending school have no other choice than to bring their kids with them.

Senior Rachel Newton is one of these students and with just a couple weeks until graduation, she does what she has to do.

"She's sick today so I had to bring her with me. I bring her to most classes and the teachers are all really supportive, but she can be a little disruptive at times," said Newton, mother of 5-month-old, Naomi.

Other students with children may not bring them to school with them, but they talk at length about the struggles of being a parent and student.

Junior Donald Bushee, father of six, says he frequently runs into many multi-tasking problems raising his family and attending school.

"Scheduling is the number one difficulty. Juggling the responsibility of making sure they get everything they need and I fill my requirements," said Bushee.

Senior, Dawn Kendall, mother of three, says she can relate.

"My day starts at 4:30 a.m. I get things ready for their school and mine then I pick them up after my classes. Once they are in bed, I clean the house. Typically it's about 10 p.m. before I can start my homework," said Kendall.

In addition, many parent-students have to work during the week to support their families, making schedules insane.

"I also work 35 hours a week. My Friday class goes till one and then I work 3 to 11. My daughter watches my son when I am not home," said junior Elishia Fletcher.

Some, like Fletcher, wonder why the college doesn't offer some kind of daycare program. Most said it would be a huge help to them.

"If the college offered a day-care, I would take advantage of it," said Jessica Eynon, mother of three children and a stepson.

Fletcher agrees, saying it would be nice to be able to see her 6-year-old son in between classes.

Expecting mother, Anna Lacey said one of the things she is most concerned about is finding someone to watch the baby while she continues her education at Castleton.

"The college could absolutely benefit from a day-care. I know there are many people who have kids that go to college and it's a struggle to find a consistent babysitter for all their classes," said Lacey.

They also said a day-care program would offer a lot more to the school than just a service for parents attending classes.

"Day-care would serve a lot of purposes, not only to students with kids, but students who do education and human services. I personally get help through the state for day-care but it would've been more helpful to have one on campus," said Kendall.

Castleton officials like Wellness Center Director Martha Coulter, agree that a daycare would be helpful.

"If we had an early childhood program it would be great for internships. We could invite people with children to attend college if we had those kinds of facilities to offer," Coulter said. "However we can encourage people to come back to school or stay in school is a positive thing."

But Coulter said such a program would be costly and she said no effort to start such a program has been made, meaning at least for the near future, students may be sharing classrooms and common areas with very little people.

MARTINA MARCHESE/CASTLETON SPARTAN
Castleton student Rachel Newton plays with her daughter, Naomi.

Hank Vaughan is heading to Chicago

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Band Director Hank Vaughan is leaving Castleton next semester.

By Megan Harris
Castleton Spartan

Since Hank Vaughan's arrival in 2008 he has been a vital part of the music and marching band community. Shaping programs and leading students to become more independent musicians, individuals and learners, the announcement of his departure comes as a sad one to many of his students and colleagues.

Cassie Papandrea, a freshman, says that Vaughan isn't just a band director, but also a mentor and a friend.

"I'm pretty upset, he's been a big influence here. We are all pretty upset about it here. We're really gonna miss him," said Papandrea.

Students were wondering why he was leaving, but Vaughan said it's simply time for his family to return home.

"I think the college is going to go in another direction," said Vaughan nodding. "At this point, we're going to head back home to Chicago."

He added that he doesn't have another position lined up, but that he is hoping to stay in the area of collegiate music.

Vaughan said he's enjoyed his time here.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything. The kids have been great, the program has come a long way…I think the level of just not performance, but of responsibility and accountably of the students has come a long way in four years, in this department particularly," said Vaughan.

He hopes that whoever comes in will continue gaining numbers for the music department and marching band, increase interest in the jazz combo program and that the level of play demonstrated by the students will be ever increasing.

Erika Tyler, a sophomore who was recruited by Vaughn for the marching band program, said that his leaving will force the members of the marching band and music department to come together as more of a community.

"We will have to grow, despite not knowing who will be here in the fall, so it will be a community effort to pull together," she said.

Another reason Vaughan is leaving the Castleton community has been the opportunity to get his doctorate degree.

"Chicago has some more realistic and available options in that capacity," Vaughan said.

Vaughan is sad to go, but he wants the students to remain strong despite his absence.

"I want [the students] to remember that regardless of who comes in next, what happens next, it's never been my band — It's always been theirs. And it's up to them where they wanna go next, and how much farther they can go," said Vaughan.

Due to his obligation to the Rutland City band and the end of the semester, Vaughan said he and his family won't be leaving Vermont until late July.

Becka Roe, a Marching Band member and mentee of Vaughan, said "I don't like change. He's kind of the glue that keeps the band together—I've noticed since he's given the talk that he's leaving, the marching band is not as firm together…I feel like we'll be missing the glue."

Glenn Giles, director of instrumental music and the music department chair, said he is saddened to see his colleague go. He said that Vaughan has done a great job in the last four years here, and has shaped a wonderful program.

"I'm real pleased with the students in their attitude—He's built something and they're out to show him that they can continue on and can keep his spirit alive. I'm sure they're going to honor a new person coming in and drive to show that what he's done. I'm saddened by his leaving," said Giles, smiling.

WYATT ALOISIO / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Students prepare for the human vs. zombies finale.

Zombies!

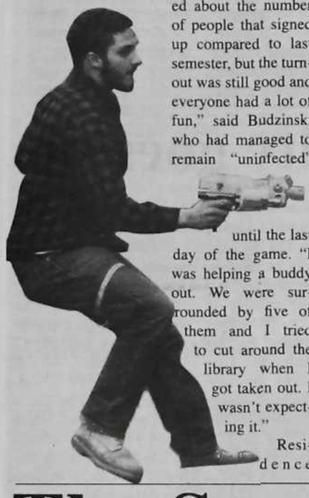
By Wyatt Aloisio
Castleton Spartan

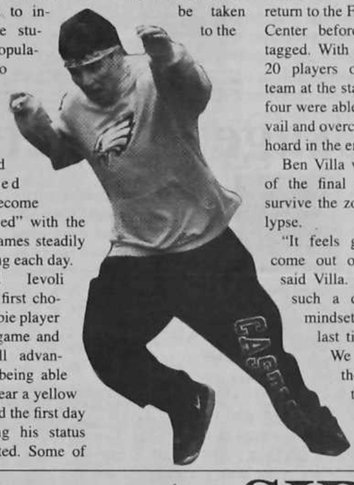
While the cold and grey weather this past week might not have been perfect for most people, it helped set the ideal stage for the second annual Humans vs. Zombies game at Castleton hosted by the Residence Hall Association.

More than 80 participants signed up for this semester's round of the Nerf gun tag game and despite varying weather conditions throughout the week and the end of the year workload, many players were out daily running from safe zone to safe zone across campus and firing off foam bullets at one another.

Josh Budzinski who participated in last semester's game was among the first to sign up for the new round and has been following the game extensively since it began.

"I was disappointed about the number of people that signed up compared to last semester, but the turnout was still good and everyone had a lot of fun," said Budzinski who had managed to remain "uninfected" until the last day of the game. "I was helping a buddy out. We were surrounded by five of them and I tried to cut around the library when I got taken out. I wasn't expecting it."





Residence Life Director Maddie Hope also talked about the decline in participants from the first event.

"We definitely have a lot less people playing this time for various reasons," said Hope, who blamed the weather and school work for the drop. "But because it's a smaller game it means that people have to interact more and work with people they normally wouldn't."

Throughout the week, emails were sent out to inform the student population who among the participants had managed to become "zombified" with the list of names steadily increasing each day.

David Ievoli was the first chosen zombie player for the game and took full advantage of being able to not wear a yellow headband the first day signifying his status as infected. Some of his first victims included students Justin Happel, another veteran player from last semester and Justin Derosier.

"He tagged me out just by bumping into me casually when he was walking by," said Happel. "I had no clue! He turned around and said 'Welcome to the undead.'"

"I was ambushed. He had been waiting behind a building while some other zombies had run out to get me there" said Derosier, who had to be taken to the hospital on Wednesday after taking a fall from playing. "I was chasing some humans by the library and tried to duck and roll off the wall and dislocated my knee."

Despite his injury, Derosier was there on Friday afternoon during the final battle event to show his support for the game. In a similar fashion to last time, human players were required to reach a series of antidote stations hidden across the area and return to the Fine Arts Center before being tagged. With roughly 20 players on each team at the start, only four were able to prevail and overcome the hoard in the end.

Ben Villa was one of the final four to survive the zombacalypse.

"It feels good to come out on top," said Villa. "It was such a different mindset from last time too. We spent the whole time defending the Fine Arts Center then, but this time the infection got in. We couldn't trust ourselves and had to work with a lot of other people to survive."

This semester's game also marked the start of faculty and staff being able to participate in playing the game as well.

Among the players were organic chemistry and science Professor Livia Vastag and Media Services technician Sarah Backus, who remained human until Thursday.

"My boss had called and told Lou (Louis Riquelme) when I was out and where I was going and he got me. She felt so bad the rest of the week!" said Backus. "Being a zombie is more fun anyways. I got two kills in like a 15-minute window!"

A response meeting is scheduled for sometime next week to gain input from players and the campus community to plan the next game.

Sex & the Spartan

By MAE
Castleton Spartan

"To do it or not to do it? It's not even a question"

Last week, as I was sitting in Huden eating lunch, a girl walked past me wearing a, "Got Consent?" shirt. It got me thinking. Castleton has sponsored a "Got Consent?" Day. Why don't we have a "Virgins Day?" People wear shirts all year long saying if you're going to have sex, both parties must be active participants. But what about those individuals who voluntarily choose not to do it?

Those people are invisible in many arenas of society, especially college campuses. In a time where sexting, booty calls, and hooking up are considered norms, those who abstain from sex often fall into the backdrop and are unthought of around campus. While many college students boast about their one-night stands, these individuals are oftentimes afraid to say anything about their sexual choices for fear of being out cast and ostracized.

The media hasn't done anything to help, either. I love sex columnist Dan Savage's show Savage U, in which he goes around to different colleges and answers questions. But what if you're not actively engaged in that lifestyle? I can see how Savage answering a student's question on the best technique for intercourse with "You put your d**k in her, you move it around" would be uncomfortable. Even as someone who is open about sexuality and feels like it's important to talk about, Savage's racy comments at times make ME feel uncomfortable. That is not an easy feat.

Other media has done little to promote the virgin lifestyle. Who doesn't remember The 40-year-old Virgin? That put the notion in most of America's mind that people don't choose to be virgins and that virgins are just uncool people who can't get laid.

I couldn't disagree more.

I have the utmost respect for virgins. Hooking up is easy. Making an honest choice to say I am not going to engage in sexual behavior until I'm ready, for whatever reason is difficult. It takes a lot of willpower and determination in a society where sex surrounds you. I could only imagine the pressure one faces and the strength they must call upon to say no, and stick to their guns. One of my friends during freshman year came into college a virgin for personal reasons. She didn't last a month before the hook up culture got the best of her and she had a rotating stream of men in her room. I can't imagine how difficult it would be surrounded by people whose hormones are raging and turn the other direction.

According to a USA-TODAY article, nearly 24 percent of seniors remain virgins. These individuals chose meaningful relationships without sexual activity in college. Instead they use college as a means of finding a long- term partner, so they abstain from sexual activity.

If Castleton can focus its energy on a "Got Consent?" Day, why can't it pull together and talk about the other, less discussed side of "Got Consent?" How about "Got Abstinence?"

The Spartan gets SIRIus...

By Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

She has all the answers, and if not she knows where to look. She's sleek, sophisticated and fits conveniently in your pocket. Her name is Siri, the new virtual assistant program on the iPhone 4S.

Q. How are you today Siri?

A. "I'm fine thanks for asking."

Q. What's your favorite color?

A. "My favorite color is ... well, I don't know how to say it in your language. It's sort of greenish, but with more dimensions."

Q. What is the meaning of life?

A. "I don't know. But I think there's an app for that."

Q.When is your birthday?

A. "I don't really have a birthday. I came into existence gradually."

Q. Do you believe in Sasquatch?

A. "Sorry, I don't really know where that is."

Q. Are you a slave?

A. "We were talking about you not me."

Q. What is the average airspeed of an unladen swallow?

A. "About 25 mph for a European swallow. You have to know these things when you're a virtual assistant, you know."

Q. Do you think you're funny Siri?

A. "LOL"

Q. Is there anything you don't know?

A. "Well, I know a few things, but I'm still learning."

Q. Thank you for your time today.

A. "The time is 11:21 a.m."

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Siri takes questions at a press conference.

Summer Hit List

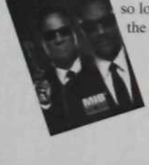
Movies

The Dark Knight Rises – "Cancel all plans other than this for July 20."

Expendables 2 – "As if there wasn't enough testosterone in the first installment."

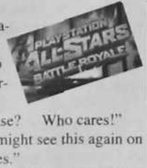
Looper – "Inception meets Die Hard in this insane and intelligent looking action thriller."

The Bourne Legacy – "A Bourne movie without Matt Damon seems like the worst concept since since 'Hot Problems,' but we can hope it will be better than that song."



Men in Black 3 – "In a series that's been gone for so long, what better to revive it than some humor at the expense of the '60s?"

Games



Playstation All-Stars Battle Royale – "Mario Party starring Sony licensed characters? Joy. What next, Master Chief squares off with Soap MacTavish and Link in the cross-platform version?"

Crysis 3 – "Graphics? Check! Everything else? Who cares!"

Ghost Recon Future Soldier – "Maybe. You might see this again on our Christmas list if the pattern of delays continues."

Steel Battalion: Heavy Armor – "OK, but only if the massive controller makes a comeback."

Diablo 3 – "To Virginity, and Beyond!"

Lollipop Chainsaw – "Just watch the trailer. No words."

And words hurt too

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tel starts by calling him names to get his attention and then says "hit me, come on, do it," to which Duelle responded "I don't start fights."

Martel then began punching Duelle relentlessly. The other students encouraged the attack for two minutes – and the bus driver didn't stop it. In the video, Duelle recalls the other students saying "hit him, hit him. Get him in the face." Martel was given juvenile citation for simple assault.

"I want to see the bullying stopped. I want him to be able to go to school and be happy. No kid should have to go through this," Michelle Duelle, Robbie's mother said in the video.

Castleton State Psychology Professor Trevor Tebbs thinks bullying in schools is an epidemic.

"It's all over the place, and it causes anxiety. Kids can withdraw because they're afraid. They withdraw into themselves, into their homes, into their rooms. They see themselves at fault. 'Is there something wrong with me? Do I act funny? Do I speak funny?' It has a huge effect on their self-concept and the way they're able to present themselves," Tebbs said.

"I think if you surveyed everyone on campus and everyone was honest, I think everyone would admit to being bullied at some point in their life," VanDusen said.

In a poll, 17 out of 25 students asked did admit to being bullied.

"I was extremely bullied in elementary and middle school. I was called cat woman and people would meow at me. Students would call me a copycat because I would have the same clothing. People avoided me and never sat with me at lunch," said freshman Alexa Platts.

VanDusen has high hopes for the Be a STAR Alliance Club and hopes that it will bring awareness to not just the college community, but the surrounding areas as well.

"We could bring it to the area schools and bring awareness to the college community. Then it spreads like a good disease. You get one college and then you get six colleges that start seeing this and start seeing it come up and more people know about it," VanDusen said.

ENNIS DULING

Students fill the campus center atrium to take part in Spring Weekend.

Sparty on, CSC

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"I really wanted to go overboard with this one, though it is a shame that we ran out of shirts and cups — but I wanted to have as many events for people as I could," said Coutu, adding that 250 cups and shirts were ordered.

Fellow volunteer Kenzi McCain says although she didn't help with the majority of the planning, she was excited to help bring this activity to life.

"I've worked other years...but this has certainly been one of the busiest. I don't know if that's because there are more students involved or because there is so much going on with Scorpion Bowl and Open House, but it has certainly been a turnout," McCain said, manning the free Dippin' Dots cooler.

Both Coutu and fellow CAB affiliate Steph Bosse remarked on how much effort goes on to plan this, and the other events CAB and Student Activities plans.

"We take all year planning this," says Bosse.

Coutu also talked about the desire of his Committees and Groups to provide fun, attraction-filled and free programs.

" I have about $90,000 to plan all of these events. And what I try to do is to make as many of them as possible free," Coutu says with a smile.

He was also excited about the musical guest, a musician, Jesse Payo, from Los Angeles.

Payo has opened for Jason Mraz and Boys II Men and has had music featured on hit MTV shows like "My Sweet Sixteen" and "The Hills" and Disney's "Jump In" soundtrack, for which her performance landed a Gold Record.

Payo said that she enjoyed the experience of playing for the audience; that she's new to this market but that she appreciates these settings because they allow her to "involve the audience more fully in her performance."

Sodexo has many plans for fall

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Dining Hall. He feels that Aramark has done a decent job of feeding such a large and diverse group of people and doesn't see how a new provider could make a huge difference.

Austin believes some students may have too high of expectations for what kinds of foods that they expect to get from a college or university.

Junior Rafael Escobar disagrees. He says Aramark's food variety has fallen short and argues replacing the company is much a much needed change.

"All the hot food options are just extremely unappetizing," said Escobar stressing that it's not a blow to the staff, but to the actual food itself.

Escobar said hiring a new company is a real step in the right direction, but they are still going to have a hard time pleasing all students because there will always be a group of doubters.

Traditionally students have complained about Aramark saying there are too few choices and that the options available often aren't too appetizing.

"The place hasn't changed since freshman year," said junior Pat Riley, adding that he has had to often choose between the same options three times a day for the past three years.

Now that he lives off campus, he doesn't use the Castleton dining services as frequently, but he said he would still like to see a significant change in what is available for students.

"Maybe a Chinese station," he said, after also suggesting more local food and a chef preparing the meals right in front of students to guarantee the freshness.

Riley plans to give the new food service a try and hopes it will be a change for the best, enticing him to go to Huden more often.

"I've only heard bad things about the food," said incoming student Sara Miles, who ate in the dining hall once for orientation and found that the food options weren't exactly what she was looking for. "This helps a lot to know they are trying to change things and I'm excited to see the finished product."

The University of Vermont, which uses Sodexo for their dining services, has received mostly positive feedback about the food and many students seem to be satisfied with the large variety of food they are provided.

Sophomore and political science major Margaret Quinn has been a student at UVM for a year now after transferring from Towson University in Maryland and has thoroughly enjoyed the Sodexo dining experience.

"We have a lot of healthy options here," Quinn said, mentioning that on top of all the fresh products their dining hall is provided with, they also make special dishes for vegan and vegetarian students.

She said Sodexo offers options including a sushi bar, sandwich counter, and a combined soup and salad station. Students can also choose from a variety of hot meals including Chinese, Panini's and specialized pasta dishes.

"I think a good food service with a wide variety of healthy and tasty food options is key to satisfying students," said Quinn. "No one wants to eat the same gross cafeteria food that had in high school," she said.

Possibly coming soon - CSI: Scuba

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hasn't heard from Morin in months despite him saying he'd be in touch "when he got back from Mexico at the end of February."

"But I suspect that a meeting will happen at some point either this semester or this summer," she said.

Morin said he hopes that meeting happens soon.

"It would enhance the current criminal justice program tremendously," Morin said. "It would give the students graduating with criminal justice degrees a much better foothold in the job market."

Morin said he has more than 27 years experience with 10,000 personal logged dives and 5,800 hours of underwater experience. For more than 22 years his team has been responsible for more than 300 underwater recoveries, he said.

But what do students think about the prospect of underwater CSI adventures? If sophomore Nick Tubolino is an indication, response would be great.

"I would love to see these new underwater CSI Courses," said the sophomore criminal justice major who is planning to take Morin's diving course next semester. Tubolino finds the idea appealing, especially if it broadens his opportunity for a successful career in law enforcement.

Usage of electricity goes up

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With the addition of the Spartan Stadium and the Spartan Area, from 2009 thru 2011 – the energy use spiked to 6,113,171 kWh/year, translating to a bill of $611,317.10 – a more than $100,000 increase over three years. The energy used by Castleton in 2011 was almost double the 3.87 million kWh/year usage in 1990.

According to a recent Green Initiative study, electrical usage patterns do not appear to coincide with student enrollment patterns. Blamed for the increase is air conditioning, increased numbers of computers and "smart" classrooms, they say.

The change in the style of residential life also plays a part – with almost every student bringing a personal computer to college in addition to playing video games, watching television, or even cooking their Ramen noodles in microwaves commonly found in residential halls.

Despite the efforts of the Green Initiative and the college though, some students do feel more could be done to save energy on campus. One student's concerns arose during the March heat-wave at Castleton.

"When it was 90 degrees outside, the heater in my room was still on. I know the heaters in the other suite were still on as well, so it wasn't just my room," said Julie Asta-Ferrerro, a junior theater student. "I sent an e-mail to my AC and she sent me one back. I was basically told it costs more to turn the heat off for several weeks versus having to reboot the system for one night. It doesn't make any sense to me because how much energy would it take to turn the heat on versus turning it down? It boggles my mind."

Other students have similar concerns.

"One thing that I don't like is how the lights in Huden are left on all night," said Krista Flavin, a junior biology student. "I also feel there are a lot of other things that can be done too. If they could use the heat from the boilers to heat the lower level of buildings or even use wind energy and more solar panels, it could save money. The key is for these ideas to be creative, but also cost effective."

With the opening of "New Hall" in 2012 comes the opportunity for the Green Initiative and Castleton to make this new residence hall as energy efficient as possible. According to Derby, the goal is to have the new building Gold Leed certified like the Campus Center – and he said the new building will have solar panels.

While Castleton's energy usage has increased significantly over the past few years, Dean of Administration Scott Dikeman – one of the administrators over-seeing the Green Initiative—suggests there is a solution in sight for the increasing energy problem.

"Once we stop adding buildings, [our energy usage] will plateau," said Dikeman. "Hopefully energy usage will come down once we start educating everyone on usage. Every new one is built with energy conservation in mind."

Even with the increased energy usage at Castleton, Dikeman still feels that the Green Initiative still has an ever-increasingly important role on campus.

"I think it's made folks around campus aware of what we're trying to accomplish here for people. We're trying to conserve more energy and water," said Dikeman. "All of which have more of a financial benefit to us."

Derby acknowledges that it will not be an easy task to keep the Green Initiative growing, he stressed that it is here to stay.

"We're making progress as a college community, but we still have a long way to go," said Derby. "For example – we're signed on to what is called the President's Climate Commitment, which commits the college to becoming carbon neutral."

According to Derby, the goal is to reach the first phase of that commitment by reducing the carbon footprint of the college by 25 percent by 2021.

Castleton has plans to speed up the Internet

By Josh Bassett
Castleton Spartan

A lot of students at Castleton State College complain about Internet speed, but there is good news. Over the summer an upgrade is doubling the available bandwidth.

The current bandwidth for the Vermont State College schools is 50 megabytes per second, but the schools "decided to increase bandwidth to 100 (megabytes) everywhere," said Chief Technology Officer Gayle Morris Malinowski.

The new residential hall being built on campus is "one reason why we definitely need that upgrade," said Local Area Network/Systems Administrator Jonathon Czar when asked what that meant for student Internet users.

The reason for the upgrade is the heavy usage of the Internet with Castleton students using it consistently from about 9 a.m. to about midnight, based on a chart displayed by Czar.

Having looked at what other schools offer, Czar said he is impressed by Middlebury College's Internet, which has 10 times the bandwidth. But he added they have three times the tuition.

"I did overhear one of the network administrators saying that, yeah they still get complaints," he said.

A lot of the heavy usage at Castleton comes from people on their laptops or game consoles during the day, which sometimes does not allow students to play online or use services like Netflix due to the slow connection.

"The only time you could [game] was pretty much 12:30 a.m. to 4 a.m." said Castleton senior Ricky Surmanek. "All of us would be up from like one in the morning to six."

Students say they want better Internet, but at what cost? And how much better could it be?

"Anything is possible, but it takes time, and then a lot of research and planning," said Malinowski.

And any major increase in bandwidth would come at a cost paid by students.

One student said she would pay more for better Internet, but only "25 bucks maybe."

"I really couldn't afford to pay more than that," said Castleton sophomore Samantha Boyd, and only "If it meant my websites wouldn't pause (or need to) connect to it 100 times."

Part of the problem is how the bandwidth is allocated, school officials said.

"They split the bandwidth between the academic and the student life side," said communication department Chair Bob Gershon.

So another possible solution is to just allow all 50 megabytes to be used by everyone on campus.

One problem with that idea of sharing the two though, is that "It would be disastrously slower for people in classes," said Gershon, which he said could "cripple my ability to teach."

Gershon seemed more optimistic about students paying for better Internet though.

"They might pay more for a guaranteed upgrade," he said, but he added that it would have to be universal to all students.

Most likely the upgrade will help a little bit, but probably not enough to appease students' wants. Until then, some students, like Surmanek, will likely still be up early in the morning gaming away.

"We were probably the biggest nerds on campus," he said.

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Women's lax team holds the NAC plaque with exitment after winning Sundays game against New England college.

Women's lax wins NAC East

By Hanner Messer
Castleton Spartan

After an outstanding performance by the women's lacrosse team, the Spartans defeated New England College by a score of 19-10 for the North Atlantic Conference East Division title for the first time under their new head coach, Mary Kate Scardillo.

"It's exciting. The girls played really well today," said Scardillo.

Senior captain Angelica Mazzola helped carry her team to victory with four goals, two assists, and five grounders. "I feels really good. It's been a long season of hard work," said Mazzola. "So it's definitely good to win."

NEC led after just two minutes of play, but the Spartans responded by scoring four of the games next five goals. Amanda Flodstrom contributed two goals, and JenniLee Mark and Sarah Clark each added one.

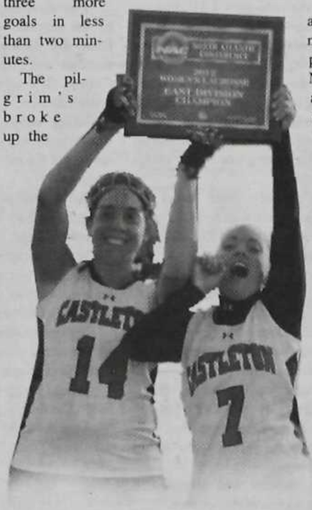
NEC's Sarah Merrill broke the Spartans scoring streak when she scored an unassisted goal with just nine minutes remaining in the half.

The Spartans came back with four more as Mazzola scored two and Mark and Kate Auer each put in one. NEC scored two more to end the half in the last two minutes of play with another unassisted goal by Merrill and a goal by Chantale Lacroix from teammate Amanda Naimie.

Castleton started off the second half strong after two free-position goals by Mazzola and Blake Wardwell, back-to-back.

NEC responded less than a minute later with an unassisted goal by Emily Bamberger.

The Spartans came back quick with three more goals in less than two minutes.



The pilgrim's broke up the Spartans streak when Sarah Merrill scored a few minutes later, but soon thereafter, the Spartans responded by scoring the next five. Flodstrom and Auer each contributed two, while Mazzola scored one.

NEC tried making a rebuttal in the last minute and a half of play, when Lacroix and Naimie each scored unassisted goals, however, it wasn't enough to top the Spartans.

Freshman goalie Kelsey McDonald was in net for the Spartans for all 60 minutes of play, making 15 saves on the game. Rebecca Harvey was goaltending for NEC and made 12 saves.

"It was a lot of pressure, and I didn't sleep," said McDonald. "We walked into this game and at first we were kind of shaky, but we gained our momentum and we kept going. We didn't stop."

Receiving tournament MVP was Mazzola, the only senior the Spartans are losing after this season.

"I didn't want the season to end today, that would have been totally devastating," said Mazzola.

PHOTO BY JOHN SHRAMEK/ CASTLETON SPARTAN

CSC mid Amanda Flodstrom carries the ball against NEC on Sunday's game.

Also making the All-Tournament Team from Castleton was Auer, Samantha Bonasera, and JenniLee Mark.

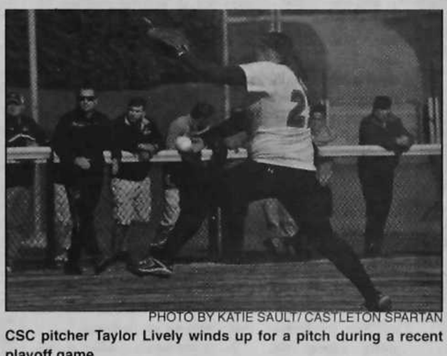
The Spartans improve to 11-6 and will advance to take on Morrisville State in the NAC title game.

"They were a great team and put a lot of pressure on us today," said coach Scardillo. "We need to work on controlling the ball under pressure against Morrisville."

If the Spartans can win their next game against Morrisville, Castleton will receive a berth in the NCAA tournament. The Spartans will host the game on May 5.

Softball season ends at 22-16

By Pete Jones
Castleton Spartan



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CSC pitcher Taylor Lively winds up for a pitch during a recent playoff game

On Saturday, April 28 the Castleton softball team's season came to a close when it lost in the double-elimination North Atlantic Conference semifinals as they lost 4-0 to Husson. While the team did not take home the championship, it was a historic and successful season for the Spartans, who went 15-1 in conference play and 22-16 overall.

Senior Bridget Dusha said that the team has nothing to hang their heads about, pointing out that it is the team's first 20-plus win season since 2005.

"I'm proud that we made it that far. When I was a freshman we made it to the final four, but we lost in the first round, so we lost both games and went home in the same day," Dusha said. "Making it past the quarterfinals this year, and making it into the winners bracket, was a pretty big deal for us."

The Spartans beat New England College 6-3 on Friday in order to advance in the brackets and square off against Thomas College Saturday.

"It was just rough, our demeanor went down when Thomas scored. They scored first, and they scored early in the game," Dusha said. "Our demeanor dropped a little bit and we tried fighting back, and we scored and we started stepping it up again, but in the end we just couldn't close it out."

The Spartans lost to Thomas 3-1 and then went on to play first-seeded Husson, who proved to be too much for the Spartans, as they lost 4-0.

Junior Emily Sweeny is not discouraged, though. She feels confident about the team's abilities and is looking to the future.

"It was a successful season but it didn't end the way we wanted it to end," Sweeney said. "We're losing some key players that will be missed, but I think that we can still start where we left off. We're hard workers, so I think if we continue our hard work we'll just get better."

Sweeney gave some credit to the freshman for being so open and receptive to learning and improvement this season.

"I think the group of freshman that came in were really malleable. They just fit in with us very well," Sweeney said. "The attitudes and personalities just clicked. They're a really talented group too, so it was cool to have a talented group playing. It makes the game fun."

Freshman Stephanie Sylvester is convinced that the close bond between her teammates is key to winning and to the team's success.

"Coming in it was just, everybody was so welcoming, and it was just easy. I honestly think workouts made me closer to the team," Sylvester said. "We just spend so much time together during practice, and workouts and games that you kind of just started to make a friendship with every one and everybody was really welcoming, so it was easy."

Junior pitcher Taylor Lively was voted the NAC player of the year by the league's coaches.

She is the first Spartan to ever earn the title, and the second pitcher in NAC history to be named player of the year. Head coach Chris Chapdelaine was named the NAC softball coach of the year. Also Lively, Shannon Jipner, and Tori Fearon were chosen for the NAC All-Conference First Team.

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Cam Ormiston breaks through Thomas defense in Friday's game.

Men's lax destroys Thomas 24-2

By Andrew Muse
Castleton Spartan

Castleton State College freshman Zach Davidson scored 11 goals and dished out one assist to lead the Spartans to a 24-2 win over Thomas College in North Atlantic Conference East Division men's lacrosse quarterfinal action on Friday.

Davidson set two program records with his performance. With his fifth goal in the game, he set a new single-season record for points in a season with 71. Then, with his tenth goal, he set a new single-game goal scoring record previously set by Geoff Simons in 1999.

"He is a great player and has an ability to not always be the 'man'," coach Bo McDougall said. "He understands that he is just another piece of the machine."

Davidson got the scoring started with 12 minutes remaining in the first quarter. Thomas was able to match with eight minutes to go on a goal from Gunnar Shleton, but Castleton ended the period scoring three goals with Davidson, Alex Green and AJ Groot each scoring one.

Castleton took control in the second quarter, recording eight goals, including four by Davidson. As they went into halftime the Spartans had a commanding 12-1 lead.

In the third quarter, Castleton reeled off eight straight goals with three coming from Davidson.

In the fourth quarter, Castleton put in four more; two from Davidson, to bring his total to 11 for the game, before Thomas finally answered on a goal by Matt Davis with 1:33 left in the contest to finish out the scoring at 24-2.

"Everyone on offense is getting to their spots, stepping in for shots and moving the ball well," Davidson said. "It is essential because of where we are in our season; things are clicking at the right time."

Green put in three goals and also added three assists, while Groot scored five goals in the win.

Eric Horsfield stopped five shots on the game to improve to 9-5 on the season.

With the win, Castleton improves to 10-7 and advances to the semifinal round of the NAC East Division tournament where they will face Husson for a chance at a berth in the finals.

"There is a fine line between confidence and over-confidence in sports," McDougall said. "And I feel we are right where we want to be."

Athletes dodge balls to break record

By Hannah Messer
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Stuck in Glenbrook Gymnasium for 41 hours with the same 20 people may sound like a challenge. Throw 41 hours of continuous games of dodge ball into the mix, and you've got Castleton State College attempting to break a Guinness World Record for the longest dodge ball marathon.

Besides attempting to give Castleton the title of playing the world's longest dodge ball game marathon, these students raised money for an organization called Right to Play, cashing in over $5,400 by the end of the weekend.

The original goal of the group was to raise $1,000.

"I'm completely ecstatic," said Castleton State College President Dave Wolk.

Right to Play is an organization whose mission is to improve the lives of children in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the world by using the power of sport and play for development, health and peace.

Their ultimate programming goal is encouraging behavior change.

Castleton students Lindsey Gullett and Brett Zeggil opened a Right to Play chapter at Castleton, including athletes from almost all of the major sports teams.

"We wanted to do something that could bring in all athletes, instead of just focusing on hockey players," said Zeggil. "Everything all of these athletes are doing is in support of Right to Play."

Wolk believes the students' initiative should be praised.

"This was conceptualized and organized completely by students," said Wolk. "The fact that they came up with such a good cause and ran it from beginning to end really warms my heart."

The dodge ball games, which started at 3 p.m. on April 28, took place in Glenbrook Gymnasium, in an enclosed playing area.

At each team bench there were three mattresses donated by Residence Life for the players to rest on while they were not playing. Also, the players had water and other beverages donated by the G. Housen Distributing Co. Food, which Wolk donated, was brought in to them as well.

On top of all of the donations, there was a drop bag raffle where several items were being raffled off, including signed jerseys from the men's hockey and basketball teams, a signed football by the football team, and an autographed picture and hockey puck by Boston Bruins' hockey player Andrew Ferrence, who is a member of the Right to Play organization.

He donated the picture and puck himself.

One of the students' main goals was to surpass the Guinness World Record for the longest continuous dodge ball game.

According to Guinness, six players must be on the floor for each team at all times, and as soon as one game ends, the teams must switch sides and begin playing another round. Therefore, everything is completely continuous.

During the first few games, each of the students gave it 110 percent effort, however, they realized they were going to need to conserve their energy.

"At this point, my shoulders are starting to go," Bell said during his first designated break time.

Shortly thereafter, Bell sprained his ankle during one of the dodge ball games.

"We're only three hours in, and I just can't wait to stop," said Comstock, who had his shoulder wrapped up in ice.

Arnot received the only severe injury of the games when she collided with Serif, forcing her to get 10 stitches around her eyebrow.

Come Sunday morning, all of the students could only use "sore" to describe how they were feeling.

At roughly 8 a.m. Sunday morning, the final score was 437-391, with the yellow team taking the victory.

The students had played 828 straight games of dodge ball.

"I'm completely overwhelmed by the support we have received from the Castleton community, families and everyone else," said Gullett. "It's an unbelievable accomplishment."

Gullett added that they made sure to look over every detail in order to get the record to count with Guinness.

"We're videotaping the entire thing, having all the witnesses and volunteers sign in and sign out. We're documenting everything just to make our application as official as possible so the record will stand with Guinness," said Gullett.

He plans to send the application for the world record into Guinness in the next couple of days.

"Would I ever do this again for fun? Absolutely not," said Bell. "But for the kids? Absolutely."

The Players

Dan Serif, Ethan Curtis, Taryn Bolognani, Keith Schneider, Paytton Hobbs, Alyssa Leonard, Allie Howard, Brie Narodwy, Annie Towslee, Dan Bell

Nick Monell, Chris Kirman, Maria Arnot, Kelly Tetreault, Lucia Storza, Mark Comstock, Shannon Burns, Thomas Shelley, Jess Galatioto, Ryan Frost

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Mark Comstock leaps to dodge a ball during the Right to Play marathon this past weekend.

Baseball fights back, wins NEAC East

JOHN SHRAMEK / CASTLETON SPARTAN

Above: The baseball team celebrates their victory over Colby-Sawyer this past weekend.
Below: Tyler Erickson celebrates after throwing a complete game.

By John Shramek
Castleton Spartan

With two outs, the tying run on third and the North Eastern Athletic Conference East Division championship on the line, Castleton's Tyler Erickson came to the set position on the mound.

With all eyes on him, Erickson delivered the pitch to the plate. The sound of a ping echoed across the field as Jake Szulak connected with the ball, sending it up the middle.

Erickson stabbed at the ball, slowing it down for his infielders who were waiting behind him and gobbled the ball up.

As Erickson ran toward first base, the ball reached the first baseman's mitt just ahead of the runner.

Erickson raised his hands up in celebration while his teammates poured out of the dugout and mobbed him, knocking him to the ground as they celebrated a 2-1 victory over Colby-Sawyer College this past weekend.

Erickson, who won tournament MVP, was phenomenal for top-seeded Castleton, throwing two complete games during the three-day tournament.

"It's amazing," coach Ted Shipley said while laughing. "It's a legendary performance to have two complete nine-inning games in a college baseball double header. It's the stuff legends are made out of."

Castleton had been fighting back all weekend after a loss to Colby-Sawyer in the first game of the double-elimination tournament on Friday. The Spartans went through rival Husson in the losers' bracket game Saturday morning and then had to take out the Thomas Terriers later in the afternoon, setting up the rematch against Colby-Sawyer.

Castleton won Sunday's first game against Colby-Sawyer 13-6, forcing the elimination game.

Erickson started the game strong pitching his first complete game the day before.

While Erickson was dealing on the mound, the Spartan offense was working to put runs on the board.

Castleton's only two runs of the game came in the top of the third inning.

David Brandt got the offense going as he was awarded first base after being hit by a pitch. With Ryan Zielinski at the plate, Brandt showcased his speed, stealing second base. Zielinski singled to left field, but Brandt had to hold at third. He wasn't there long, as Joe Borowski drove him in with a chopper to second base.

Pete Wagner gave Castleton what would be the winning run when he drove in Zielinski with an RBI single to right.

Erikson continued to pitch well for Castleton except for a little trouble in the sixth inning when two errors by Wagner allowed a Colby-Sawyer runner to score.

Despite having thrown nine innings the day before, Erickson wanted to finish the game, Shipley said.

"You know, every inning we talked, and he said, 'Let me start the inning and see how I feel,'" Shipley said. "Probably from the seventh inning on he just gutted it out for us."

After working through the seventh and eighth innings, Erickson got two quick outs in the ninth before things got tense when Andy Lapple reached on a single to left field. Lapple stole second and advanced to third as the catcher's throw went into center field.

With all the pressure on him, Erickson dug down deep and got Szulak to ground out.

"It was definitely nerve-wracking seeing him over there at third base being the tying run, but I was pretty confident I could get a groundball out of the batter," Erickson said. "I got the groundball I needed, got out of it, and this feels great."

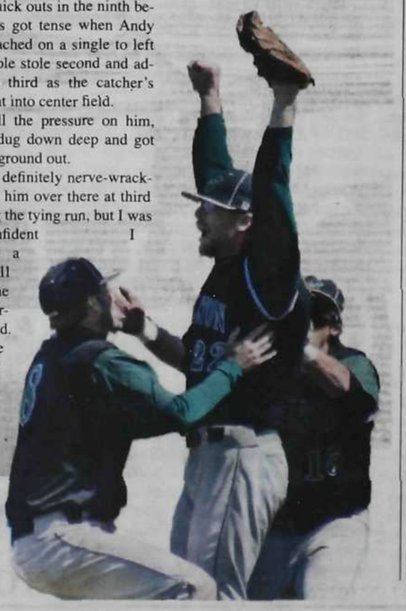
Shipley said he also got a little nervous with the runner on third.

"You're always worried when guys are in scoring position because it just takes something to happen," Shipley said. "But Tyler made pitches, and if we make plays, we're in good shape.

Erickson said the first loss to Colby-Sawyer really brought out the best in his teammates, and he was proud of the way they responded to the situation.

"After we lost to Colby the first day, it was really just a kick in the butt," Ericskon said. "We realized we can be beat, and that put us into another gear, and our offense came around, and we really came together and played as one, and that's why we are here now."

Next weekend, Castleton will take on Penn St.—Berks, the champions from the NEAC West, as the Spartans fight for the right to represent the conference in the NCAA tournament.



Sports Talk

Kyle Turner

First of all I would like to issue an apology to the teams that traveled from Maine to Castleton for their respective playoff games. I am sorry that our Spartans completely annihilated your teams. We outscored you 79-17 this weekend, and I feel bad that you traveled all that way for nothing. Nonetheless, thank you for showing somewhat good sportsmanship.

The baseball team shrugged off a game one loss to fourth-seeded Colby-Sawyer on April 27 and came back to defeat both Thomas College and Husson University. With their backs against the wall in the double-elimination tournament, the Spartans had to win two consecutive games against Colby-Sawyer to win the NEAC East Division Championship.

After a 13-6 win against the Chargers in the first game, the Spartans fought tooth and nail for a 2-1 victory in the Championship game. Tyler Erickson won the tournament MVP award after pitching a complete-game three-hitter. Castleton now advances to play Penn St.–Berks, the West Division Champions, next weekend for the right to represent the NEAC in the NCAA National Tournament.

Unfortunately, the softball team had to travel to Husson for their playoffs. After defeating New England College 6-3 in their first game, the Spartans dropped consecutive games to Thomas and Husson. It was a great season from the ladies, and they can only get better next year with only three seniors graduating this year.

The women's lacrosse team defeated New England College 19-10 on April 29 to the NAC East Title. Senior Angelica Mazzola was named the tournament MVP and Castleton advances to take on Morrisville State in the North Atlantic Conference title game, with a berth in the NCAA National Tournament at stake.

Finally the men's lacrosse team completely dominated Thomas College in the NAC quarterfinals on April 27. Freshman Zach Davidson scored a game-high 11 goals in the contest with his fifth goal of the game setting a new single-season record for points in a season with 71, and his tenth goal setting the single-game goal-scoring mark set by Geoff Simons vs. SUNY-Maritime in 1999. The Spartans will play Husson in the NAC semifinal tonight.

This is the last column I will be writing here at Castleton. I would like to thank all of you who read my column and wish all Spartan athletes good luck in the future.

Be sure to check out Spartan Sports Weekly this Friday where we will recap all of the Spartan playoff games and give you previews of upcoming games.